



# TOWN OF NORTHFIELD



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## NORTHFIELD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE Minutes of the Meeting of June 18, 2013

Present: Ed Weingartner, Dennis Allen, Wayne Crowley, Don Stevens, Kevin Waldron  
Also Present: Bob Southworth, Glenn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

**Stevens/Allen** moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 15, 2013. **Motion passed.**

Bob Southworth reviewed proposed projects for 2014, Zion Hill Road and Sargent Street. He noted that the original assessment for the Zion Hill Road project was \$272,000, that drainage work was done on upper Zion Hill Road in 2007 and in the mid-section of road in 2009. Stones were removed from the road in 2011. Don Stevens noted that Zion Hill Road has never been reconstructed; it was a gravel road until the 1970's and was rebuilt in the 1990's after receiving extensive hurricane damage. Bob said that the road needs a foot of gravel as the ground in this area is clay. The project as currently planned includes 3 inches of asphalt.

Committee members discussed the condition of Zion Hill Road in detail, including sub-base conditions, drainage and the amount of asphalt currently on various sections of the road. Don Stevens noted that the lower section of road was improved when Southwick School was developed several years ago. Bob recommended elevating the road surface to help resolve drainage issues.

It was noted that while Sargent Street needs work, it was included in the 2014 CIP as a 'filler project' because funding as available in that year for a project of this size, it could be bumped to a future year if Zion Hill Road costs exceeded 2012 estimates.

There was a general discussion of roadside culverts, the appropriate size for such culverts and the responsibility for maintaining them. Bob cited RSA 236:13. Kevin Waldron questioned the need for a regulation requiring a 15" culvert when the requirement is frequently waived.

Committee members discussed the need for 4" of asphalt as opposed to 3.5" as a standard for road surfaces as well as the costs and benefits of building a better base instead of increasing the amount of asphalt used. They also discussed long term funding for the CIP plan and whether inflation should be included in the funding plan.

Ed Weingartner asked Bob to develop a recommendation as to which roads could benefit from 4" of asphalt, but to update cost estimates only. He will also add fabric, excavation and gravel cost estimates for the Zion Hill Road project. Asphalt will be recalculated for a depth of 4" except for the portion of road below Southwick School, which will be calculated for a depth of 2 ½ and 1 ½ inches.

Committee members discussed road rankings and how they should be updated to reflect the changing conditions of the roads. Bob will work on this for the September CIP meeting.

Dennis Allen updated the Committee on the project estimates for Cannon Bridge, current estimate is \$160,000 including 2 new sidewalks and deck patches. The Town of Tilton will pay for half of this cost.

Don Stevens noted that the Arch Street project only includes reference to repair of 3 catch basins. He feels that there are about 10 that need additional work.

Ed asked that the CIP project spreadsheet be expanded to include 10 years projects.

The next meeting date was set for Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

**APPROVED AUGUST 14, 2013**