

Selectmen's Meeting
June 15, 2010

All Selectmen Present
Meeting started at 7:00P.M.

Public Present

Alan Hanscom, Brian Schutt, PJ Blanchard, Woody Woodworth, James Clark, Rocky Bunnell, Deb Reynolds, Sue Ford, Ray Burton, and Keith Merchand

The meeting was moved to the dining room as the Selectmen's Office was not large enough for the group of people present. The Selectmen had asked Ray Burton to come to discuss Route 135 from the village to Littleton. Gerry Laflamme started the meeting by stating that he feels the road north of the village is deplorable. He stated that he had talked to Ray Burton about a year ago and has not seen any improvement on the roads yet. Ray said he had sent the information on to the people in charge of state roads. Ray said there is a ten year road plan being worked on. Gerry said the big problem is the general maintenance of the roads such as ditching, trimming trees, ground water coming up through the pavement and pot holes. Gerry listed a few things that he felt needed to be taken care of

- 1) Pot holes that have not been filled
- 2) Dead elm tree that needs to be taken down
- 3) Culverts that are up to high
- 4) Ditching needs to be done

The question was asked who watches the supervisor to make sure the jobs are being done properly and in a timely manner. We were told that there is a supervisor over the local one who should be checking up on the road supervisors. Brian Schutt has just taken over this position and suggested he come to Monroe and get Gerry and they will take a ride and look over these things.

Rocky Bunnell said that he feels the Route 135 south of the village is kept much nicer than north of the village. He feels that the north end is not getting much work done on it. As far as the Elm tree is concerned there was a group of local people willing to take it down and wanted the state to be there as flaggers due to traffic, he had talked to Russell Pilotte about this and Russell said he would get back to him but never did.

Alan Hanscom (NHDOT) stated that some of it is just timing, the state works in cycles and a year or so before they pave an area they will come in and get all of this work caught up. Alan said he has sections of roads where this same discussion could happen.

Jim Clark said he feels it is a personnel problem that needs to be fixed.

Gerry stated that trees need to be trimmed in some areas as they are scratching the tractor trailer trucks and has pulled the lights off some also.

Alan said that they are looking at doing some paving in this area next year.

Ray Burton said as far as cutting trees you need to make sure they are on the right of way that the state has or it is up to the land owner. People get very upset when the state starts cutting trees. Ray also asked Brian Schutt (NHDOT) to see if there was any federal stimulus money available. Ray stated

that if the town felt they had any traffic safety issues we could make a traffic safety request and a committee of people would come and check it, make suggestions on how to fix it and help to find the money to do so. It was mentioned that they might want to look at Carters Corners as people feel that is a safety issue.

Sue Ford (House of Representatives) said that she has listened to the same complaints from many towns in the North Country.

Jessica Sherman, Eileen Ward and Jane Fearon were in to talk to the Selectmen about the new flower garden they are putting in at the Post Office. Because of the location of this garden they were told not to put trees in, to use plants with a shallow root system. They would like to put a fence around it, as well as have a bench and an arbor for the area. Bruce suggested moving the flag pole away from the building at the same time and putting it just inside the fence.

Keith Merchant was in to see the Selectmen. He feels that if we are going to try to get the state to do the general maintenance on the roads that the town should do the same.

The Selectmen signed the manifests and two cemetery lot deeds.

Charles Hammer called to let the Selectmen know that the streetlight at the end of Grange Hall Road was out.

Gayland and Billie Locke gave a donation to the town for the Cemetery maintenance Fund which the Selectmen asked Cindy to send to the Trustees to deposit in that account.

Cindy told the Selectmen that Tom Maguire was in to ask about the Band Shelter. He was wondering if the school bought the materials if we thought he could get volunteers to do the work. Cindy said she would put it in the minutes and if anyone is interested that can contact Tom at the school. His second question was if the town could pay to have the school parking lot paved. Cindy explained the town funds cannot be used for the school, this is a state law.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45PM
Respectfully Submitted
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