

Special Selectboard Meeting
Friday, March 17, 2023
9 AM at Craftsbury Town Hall

Present: Steve Marckres, Bruce Urie, Jim Jones, Susan Houston and Eric Pope

Eric explained that 2 forms have to be submitted every year roads and bridges standards recertification. The Select Board all signed the Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory document.

The Annual Financial Plan – Town Highways document that verifies we spend \$300/mile or more on road maintenance. The Select Board also signed the Annual Financial Plan document.

The second page of the Annual Financial Plan appropriate State aid for class 2 (18.23 miles) \$80,000, class 3 (42.39 miles) \$69,100. The Total Tax funds were \$808,600, for a total budget of \$957,700, split half for summer, half for winter.

They discussed paving, Eric felt the State could offer \$130,000 in 2026.

Eric mentioned the new permit application, easier to navigate. At some point, they will be reassessing all the segments again. Currently, there are no grants to help cover that. We have 4 ½ more years, hopefully the State will come up with grant to help cover that or maybe we could do ourselves. He could help get it started. Bruce mentioned Sara Damsdell had helped in the past.

Steve said the bridge on the Post Road has cement chipping, needs to be resurfaced. It puddles a lot. Eric said it sounds like it just needs to be repaired, doesn't think it needs an engineer. Blow & Coty did the bridge In the 1990s. Repair estimate was \$6,000-\$8,000 a few years ago. The Select Board and Steve will work on getting some quotes from Blow & Coty, Austin Construction from Concord (contact is George) and St Onge. Eric said if the quote is under \$25,000, he thinks they can probably fit in this year. Town match is 10%.

Bruce mentioned that they had hoped the Village Bridge would have been eligible for the NVDA bridge funds, but it fell through. Eric said if they deem it as an imminent threat, they will move it up the State bridge list.

Bruce mentioned he has been in contact with the Wolcott Select Board, who is in the preliminary stages of requesting the State take over the North Wolcott/Wild Branch Road. Eric said that was a different district.

Jim asked if they could borrow the radar speed sign. Eric said just call and give a week's notice, then Steve can pick up. Early May would be good. It's booked in July and August. We could leave it here for at least a month.

Submitted by,

Michelle Warren
Craftsbury Town Clerk