TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2014

Present: Tom Steketee, Anne Duncan Cooley, John Adams and Charlie Waterbury (Road Agent)

**Reconvene**

The meeting reconvened at 5:30 PM.

The Board discussed Norris Road drainage issues. There is increased water coming from the old Mason Road and down through the ditch by the Carter’s driveway. The culvert going across Norris Road is also a problem. Waterbury reported much more water coming in recent storms over the last several years. Waterbury estimates replacement of the 100’ of culvert crossing Norris Road will take up to three days. Culvert should be 24” and the cost is $2500 for the culvert. The total job would be approximately $10,500. The job will require a trench box, which makes it more expensive.

Waterbury also reported that the metal decking in the temporary bridge at Archertown Road may have been damaged by the contractor during removal of the temporary bridge. The Board discussed issues at the Archertown Bridge at Newcomb Hollow. Last week’s storm broke several of the rented Jersey Barriers on the temporary bridge. They and the concrete blocks have now been removed from the brook.

Waterbury reported he needed to hire a machine to clean out catch basins along Norris Road which are clogged since the storm of July 3rd. It’s a large suction machine, and will cost at least $1500. If damage to pipes is found, that will be an additional cost.

On Archertown Road, one culvert near the Eck driveway is in need of critical repair as it poses a safety issue. Erosion has caused the road to start to collapse. A temporary road needs to be built around the failed culvert, the site dewatered and repair made. It is essential to preserve emergency access on Archertown Road because the Archertown Bridge at Newcomb Hollow is closed and the Creamery Road Bridge, which is the only other access, has been reduced to a 6 ton limit.

Waterbury contacted Stacey Thompson. Thompson will take someone to look at the failed culvert on Archertown Road, and they will get back to Waterbury and may be able to fix in the next couple of days. The estimate for this job is $2,500 plus the cost of an 18” culvert at approximately $700. The total should be around $3,000.

At a meeting earlier in the day, Steketee and Duncan Cooley went with Waterbury and looked at 5 other culverts along Archertown Road in various stages of failure. Two can have roads built around them during construction and three cannot. The road must be closed during repair for at least one of these, which is deep. These must wait until the Archertown Bridge is open, in order to preserve fire engine access to the area. The approximate cost of repair would be about $3,000 for an 18” culvert, and a 24” culvert is approximately $5 per foot more. For a 30’ culvert this would mean $150 each more for the larger culverts. The Board agreed that it makes sense when replacing them to spend the small additional amount and put in the larger size.

Adams reported he contacted Robert Durfee of DeBois and King about the re-decking of the Creamery Road Bridge. In-kind replacement only gets the bridge back to a 10 ton load rating. If there’s an engineering design of the deck it can be done for a 20 ton load.

Steketee talked to Steve Liakos at the State Dept. of Transportation, who will look at the rating issue. Tom will talk to Liakos on Tuesday and Belden from Daniels construction at Creamery Bridge tomorrow about re-decking. Waterbury had estimated approximately $15,000 for re-decking in kind, which may only bring it to 10 ton. The question is what needs to be done so a fire truck can go across it.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.