

# TOWN OF ORFORD

Orford Road Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie Smith, Michael Wright, Herb Austic

OTHERS PRESENT: Ted Nutter, Road Agent, Larry Taylor, Selectboard Rep

## **Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Approved minutes of 02/08/2024

Approved minutes of 02/20/2024 work session

Committee discussed the concerns of Archertown Road Phase 1 with Ted. Ted said that a meeting was held with the paving co. They told him that they would stand behind their product, as it appears that it was too cold when the paving was done. The committee felt it would be important to address any concerns with the road base before any paving repairs were performed. The committee feels as if none of their comments, or recommendations were taken into consideration on phase one and their expertise should move to phase 2. The committee feels that there is a need for a different approach for phase 2. The Cole boring reports as well as the DeBois & King engineering plans specifically show the need for a water mitigation plan to be included. Ted said he would have to wait to see the plan from the engineer. Charlie handed Ted and Larry a copy as well as the Cole boring report.

Ted was asked what the highway depts. priorities are for the year? Ted felt that besides phase 2 that the Indian pond rd. culvert was this year's priority. The committee felt that ditching and culvert replacement should be a top priority moving forward! Charlie showed Ted and Larry the amount of Block Grant money the town will receive. He stated this money is for the highway dept. to use for road repair. He and Mike suggested that this could be used each year to subcontract a specific amount of road ditching? This would allow the highway crew to concentrate on other issues at hand.

The committee is concerned about the gravel currently being used for general road repairs. They feel that the gravel stockpiled at the town garage has a high fine content. Charlie explained that with a 12-16% fine content the gravel once it becomes saturated, will turn to mud. If you take a bucket of mud and put it on another bucket of mud, then you have two buckets of mud Charlie explained. Larry said it's hard to get perfect gravel from this area's pits. Herb felt that there are better products available at a similar cost Even if a better gravel was found at an additional cost it would save the town in the long run. Ted agreed and thought it would be worth looking into options. The committee offered any help they could moving forward.

The committee discussed the wicking fabric with Ted and Larry. Charlie explained how it worked and its benefits in areas of high water. The two rolls of fabric at the town barn were donated by the company to be used to demonstrate its effectiveness in water control in the road matrix. Both Larry and Ted felt that a location could be found and the product could be used to benefit the town. Charlie asked them to find a location to try it and he would contact the engineer from the co. He would come to help with the best way to install the fabric free of charge to the town.

**Adjourn**

*Motion made by Smith, seconded by Wright adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Herb Austic

Next meeting 04/11/2024