

TOWN OF ORFORD

Orford Road Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 09, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie Smith, Michael Wright, Herb Austic, David Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Taylor, Selectboard, Ted Nutter, Road Agent. Roger Hadlock and Zack Shell (Highway crew members), Dan Dwyer Solmax Engineer

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

The group met at the town hall and went to Orfordville Road to look at a designated site for the use of a donated water wicking fabric in a road repair project. Two areas were identified by the road crew and discussed as areas of recurring annual troubled areas. A discussion with Dan Dwyer on how the fabric could be used to remedy the problem areas: This would minimize any future road failure. He offered his engineering services when the town decided which spot they would like to address. Ted said he would figure a cost for the project to determine if there was money in the budget for the cost of the repair.

The group returned to the town offices where Dan gave an informative briefing on the common cause of road issues and remedies in roads in the northern climates. Typical to frost heave cycles, (mud season) issues. He discussed different fabrics and their use to minimize road failures. Geogrids, as well as separation fabrics. He pointed out the purpose of and why geogrids are always used in conjunction with separation fabrics, is the best way to make a long-term repair to damaged road areas. It was noted that no separation fabric was used in phase I, only a geogrid.

Overall it was an informative meeting for all who attended. Questions were asked and answers were given. Concerns of costs and the long-term cost savings were addressed. Ted said he would get a cost together and get back to the committee to see if funding was available to utilize the wicking fabric that was donated by Solmax. Charlie relayed that he had received the fabric from Solmax with hope the town would take advantage of it. If the town is not interested in using the fabric, he would donate it to another receptive town.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:10

Respectfully Submitted

Herb Austic