

# TOWN OF ORFORD

Orford Road Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2024

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

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

## **Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Welcomed new committee member David Smith

Handed out the petition the town voted on with the change of road agent has 30 days to respond to a written recommendation from the road committee

Handed out block grant funding and discussed where this funding goes. Larry will find out with the select board.

Archertown road bridge was discussed for update. No one knew who the people were observing the bridge

There was seen a large depression on Archertown road phase 1, approximately 4-foot diameter and approximately 2-inch depth. This was discussed and possible reason was due to settling from heaving and fines being dispersed through water mitigation beneath the road matrix.

Archertown road phase 2 update - Reviewed SW Cole report with 16-23% fines a and water present at 2.5 feet and 2.8 feet, borings 8 and 9. These boring were taken in June of 2023 at a dry time of the season. Still consistent recommending a water mitigation system beneath the road matrix.

As of now, there was no plan for ditching and culvert replacement. Grading would be occurring on necessary roads, starting in a week. Focus was looking at mats to be placed over culvert on Indian Pond road, due to culvert failing. Ted was looking into buying a set of mats

Current material being placed on unpaved roads was still with high fine content. Suggestion was made to look into the fine content of Warren Sand and Gravel Ted was looking into hiring a company to crush and mix a gravel material with less fines instead of buying more gravel and would have more control over the fines. This would greatly help in saturated water and further making roads difficult to pass and causing rutting, leading to more grading

After the road committee work session with geotech engineer from Solmax, discussion was the construction of the wicking fabric to be placed on Orfordville road. Even though the road crew could do the construction, Ted had concerns with the cost of gravel, which as approximately \$4-\$5K. Discussion was to use the block grant funding, but that would be the decision of the road agent and further investigation would be needed from Larry with the selectmen.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlie Smith