

TOWN OF ORFORD

Orford Road Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie Smith, David Smith

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

Call Meeting to Order

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

16 September minutes approved as written. David made motion to approve, Charlie seconded.

Article 14 was discussed on the intent of the recommendation as the committee decided in previous meeting that the committee was not being involved as much as the town's intent that was voted on March 2024, therefore we should have a paper trail. The intent was to write a recommendation to have the road agent sign it to acknowledge the delivery and then respond to the road chair within 30 days. It seemed both the road agent and selectmen understood this.

Discussion of 2 attempts to have the road agent sign the acknowledgement of delivery of the road committee recommendation and both were denied.

Again, the petitioned warrant article was handed out to everyone and it clearly stated: "acceptance of delivery". This meaning the "acceptance of the piece of paper" not the content. The road agent has 30 days to respond after the delivery.

Discussion of Article 13 was discussed forming the official road committee in March 2022.

Again, Charlie asked Larry if there was any update on the block grant, he responded no. Charlie passed out RSA 235:25, with the intent for use of the road agent to take care of issues that was not budgeted for.

Indian Pond update: Ted responded he could not get any answer from the engineer.

Ted was asked about how many hours he has spent on Archertown Road, Phase 2 and responded "maybe 50 hours" but he wasn't actually sure but "definitely not over 100 hours"

Charlie Smith stated, according to invoices received currently, total hours of engineering has been 607 hours.

Archertown Phase 2 update: Charlie stated he saw something about shouldering. It would be very difficult in several areas to accomplish a correct shouldering as this would move into to the ditch line. It was discussed in the July 2024 meeting that approved awarded contracts were under \$300k. To date engineering has billed \$96K. We have not seen the final billing for Wanner Construction, Blacktop Paving and Right Angle Engineering.

Discussed if the selectmen would write up a warrant article as recommended by the road committee or does there need to petition a warrant article for approximately \$4k for gravel or what the road agent estimates. During the discussion Ted said the fabric is too expensive for the town and has found a gravel that has been working great. Charlie commented that it will work great until the material shears and mixes in with the old base. David made a comment that he doesn't see what the issue is to at least try the wicking fabric and then we will all know.

Ted commented no matter what, the cost of it is too expensive for this town. After discussions, estimations were approximately \$10K for 300 feet of "muddy road", if were to buy gravel. Ted in a previous meeting suggested he was getting a screen all and possible could have "free" gravel.

Charlie motioned to adjourn 7:18 pm, David seconded it

Next meeting 11/21 @ 6:00 or agreed upon date

Respectfully Submitted

Charlie Smith