

# TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

## Emergency Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Follensbee, Chase Kling, Larry Taylor

OTHERS PRESENT: Erin Darrow and Jon Armstrong (Right Angle Engineering), Road agent Ted Nutter, and from Blaktop: Herb Williams, Kyle Cardillo, Tom Ashey, Tom Custeau

### Call Meeting to Order

The emergency meeting was called to order at 6:30 am on the Archertown Road to discuss how to address the asphalt that was placed last Friday appearing to not meet NHDOT compaction specifications. The area of potential concern represented about 11% of the total area of the base course paving for the project.

The general discussion is summarized below. It is significant to note that this is not intended to be in chronological order but rather a summary of the key points.

- The pavement placed on Friday afternoon was tested by SW Cole for compaction. The results of the compaction in the field at the time of installation was apparently less than that required to meet specification requirements.
- There was discussion about testing for compaction/density.
- To most accurately measure the density of the placed asphalt, cores are needed to be tested in the lab. Field measurements for compaction (as were taken during the paving last Friday) should be considered a guideline.

Blaktop, Inc. was collecting 2 core samples at the time of the meeting in the area of concern. It was determined that one would be tested and Blaktop, Inc. will provide the results to the Town.

There was discussion about paving.

- It was decided that Blaktop, Inc. would continue to pave the top course in the area that had been placed on Thursday and apparently passed compaction specification field testing. As long as the material placed today passes compaction, Blaktop, Inc. can continue to pave the project.
- The paver will be set to minimize elevation fluctuations at the surface (i.e. "waves"). This will result in a smoother ride.
- An additional 1/4" to 1/2" of top course asphalt will be placed over the entire Phase 2 paving area with, at least 1/2" additional thickness provided in the area that has apparent insufficiently compacted base course. This will provide additional strength and stability, and help to compensate for the apparent compaction concern and will allow for a smoother ride.

Paving will continue today. SW Cole, Inc., will continue to provide field testing services. Blaktop, Inc., will also be completing their own quality control/testing today.

**Adjourn**

*Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Follensbee to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed 3/0*

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 am

Notes from the meeting prepared by Erin Darrow