

Road Advisory Committee Minutes  
11-16-2020 6:31PM

Members Present: Brian Eldredge, Russ Blaney, Brady Jezewski, Nancy Fraher, Craig Sykes, Jason Weir

Jason Weir opened the meeting with the following agenda items: choose a new chairman, The Annual RAC Report, The Ricker Road Project, Our 2021 recommendations to the BOS. Jason Weir was tasked to take minutes.

Brian made a motion to nominate Russ as the new chairman, Brady seconded the motion, motion passes, all voting in favor. Control of the meeting passed to Russ.

Discussion followed regarding the RAC report and the idea of paring it down, we talked about using the 2019 report as a template for this year. Nancy asked about future projects looking past East Ricker Rd and 2020. We talked about the remaining roads, Horse Corner, Ring, Deer Meadow, Swiggy Brook.

Jason emphasized the importance of having traffic counts next year due to the traffic pattern change on Rt 4 pushing traffic onto the secondary roads and the shorter maintenance intervals that might be required on those roads.

Jason and Russ volunteered to work on the 2020 RAC Report, and have a draft completed by our next meeting.

The Town Report summary was discussed, Brady and Craig volunteered to have a draft completed by our next meeting.

We discussed the East Ricker Road project and the probable need to have the contractor do the pre-work, drainage, ditching, tree work, etc. We went over the estimated project cost that was provided by Craig and our Engineer. We talked about changing the rock swale to a paved swale along with bringing up the beginning section of the road due to both sides of the road being extremely wet. Craig will re-work the estimate to include those items. Brian asked about engineering support before and during the project and if that was included in the project cost, it was agreed that it needed to be. Nancy asked what that cost would be and who supervises the engineer. We talked about how it's the Road Agent's job to be a "clerk of the works" and supervise all aspects of the project.

Jason asked about Russ's idea of informing the residents about the upcoming project and then gathering any additional input, questions or concerns those residents might have. Craig indicated he already has a form letter for this purpose.

Craig asked about Scenic Highways in Chichester and a brief discussion was held about the ones we have and their impact on town projects.

Russ will reach out to Doug to see if he has copies of the missing minutes.

Brady will be out of town over the winter and will participate via phone if necessary. It was discussed that we don't meet much until spring but would include Brady when we did.

We had a brief conversation about paving dirt roads, how, why & when.

Our next meeting will be 11/23/2020 at 6:30.

Brian made a motion to adjourn, Craig seconded, all voting in favor, Russ closed the meeting at 7:54PM

Respectfully Submitted

Jason Weir  
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