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## **Roads Committee Meeting Draft Minutes**

**October 20, 2025**

**Monday 6:00 pm**

**Fire Station, 148 West Main Street**

**Members Present:** Tim Allen-DPW Director, Alfred Hanson-Selectboard Representative, Jonathan France-Fire Chief, Ed Mical-Emergency Management Director, Bill Chandler-Police Chief, Micheal Cutting-Budget Committee Chair, Ken Cogswell-Conservation Commission Representative

**Others Present:** Ben Inman-Weaver Brothers representative, Adam Bates, Weaver Brothers representative, Paul Raymond-DPW Foreman, Peter Bates, Elizabeth Labbe

**Call to Order** – 7:04pm

◆ **Minutes**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of June 26, 2025, by Ed Mical and seconded by Bill Chandler. The motion was approved unanimously.

◆ **North Village Road Project Discussion/Update**

The committee reviewed the proposed North Village Road reconstruction and drainage project. Weaver Brothers representatives attended the meeting, and Ben Inman presented an overview of the work planned between the Mink Hill Lane/Flanders Road intersection and the Four Corners area.

**Project Scope**

Ben explained that the project focuses primarily on correcting long-standing drainage and erosion issues along North Village Road. The proposed work includes:

- Re-establishing the road crown
- Installing Cape Cod berms
- Rebuilding drainage systems
- Installing catch basins and underground piping
- Repairing erosion damage
- Raising sections of roadway where needed
- Improving water flow management

The roadway currently allows water to run along the edges, causing erosion and deterioration of the road base. The new design would channel water into controlled



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drainage structures instead.

## **Phase Breakdown**

### **Phase One**

Phase One would cover the steep section of North Village Road from the intersection near Silver Lake/Flanders Road down to the multi-plate culvert area near the reservoir. Work would include:

- Eight drainage structures
- New catch basins
- 15-inch, 18-inch, and 24-inch pipe installations
- Regrading and paving
- Bituminous curb installation

The goal is to complete Phase One before Thanksgiving if weather and asphalt availability allow.

### **Phase Two**

Phase Two would continue downhill beyond the reservoir area and involve:

- Additional drainage improvements
- Underdrain work
- Roadway reconstruction
- Additional catch basins and culvert work
- Improvements near the dam area

The committee acknowledged that weather conditions may delay portions of Phase Two until spring if necessary.

### **Road Closures and Traffic Control**

The contractor proposed temporarily closing portions of the road between Flanders Road and Bean Road during active construction to reduce traffic control costs and improve efficiency. Emergency vehicle access would still be maintained as needed, and residents would receive advance notice. Police and fire department representatives stated they did not anticipate major issues with temporary closures as long as communication remained consistent.

### **Environmental and Permitting Concerns**

Committee members discussed wetland protection and erosion control. Ben confirmed that:

- Sediment and erosion controls would be installed
- Drainage outfalls would avoid impacting Silver Lake
- The project would remain largely within the existing roadway footprint
- Minimal easements may be required near one drainage outlet by the former Doug Smith property

The Conservation Commission representative emphasized the importance of staying outside wetland areas.

### **Project Costs and Funding**

The committee reviewed project estimates and available funding.

#### **Estimated Costs**

- Original estimate for the upper road section: approximately \$535,000



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- Lower section previously completed: approximately \$184,000
- Current conservative estimate for both phases: approximately \$700,000  
The estimate includes contingency allowances for potential ledge or underground conditions. Closing the road during construction could reduce traffic control costs by approximately \$50,000.

## **Funding**

Officials stated there is approximately \$1.8 million remaining in the road loan fund for:

- North Village Road
- Pumpkin Hill Road
- Other related road projects

Committee members agreed that the project is necessary and should move forward. **A motion was made to recommend moving forward with the North Village Road project as presented by Mike C and seconded by Ken C. The motion was approved unanimously.**

## ◆ **Additional Discussion – Schoodac Rd Grove Culvert Project**

The committee briefly discussed the Slater Brooke culvert/FEMA project. Officials noted that FEMA review had stalled due to the federal shutdown beginning October 1. The project is expected to move into 2026 due to delays and lead times for structures.

## ◆ **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed M and seconded by Mike C. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Labbe