

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
November 5, 2019

Selectboard Members Present: Bruce Duchesne, John McClallen, Rose Regula and Nelson Tift. Patricia Pranger did not attend.

Others present: Sandi Switzer, Steve Lanfear, Kyle Eastman, Charlie Woods, Steffanie Bourque, and David Castonguay.

Chair N. Tift called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. at Town Hall.

Agenda Amendments. None.

Road Erosion Inventory and Road Stormwater Management Plan. Rutland Regional Planning Commission's Steffanie Bourque provided an overview of the Road Erosion Inventory required as part of the state Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) as well as the draft Road Stormwater Management Plan. Both projects were funded by a Better Roads grant.

Ms. Bourque indicated there were 32 miles of hydrologically connected roads in Town with 20 miles fully meeting MRGP standards. She indicated the Town was required to bring the remaining 12 miles of roads into compliance with deadlines in 2022, 2025 and 2036. She said it was up to the Town decide how to address compliance with the resources needed.

Ms. Bourque presented a variety of maps and charts identifying road types (paved or gravel), slopes, items to be addressed, status, priority ratings, and a schedule to update the "very high priority" segments.

Town Administrator Sandi Switzer indicated the state Dept. of Environmental Conservation developed the Municipal Roads General Permit to address road erosion issues through a Road Stormwater Management Plan. She explained the goal of MRPG is to reduce stormwater-related erosion from paved and unpaved municipal roads through a multi-year effort to stabilize road drainage systems. She added state environmental officials and VTrans adopted the same requirements so all highway projects must meet those requirements. Ms. Bourque stressed road segments must be brought up to standards and then those standards must be maintained.

It was noted the Town was awarded Grants in Aid funds as well as a Better Roads grant to tackle about 10 road segments within the next year. The town administrator indicated she intended to apply for another Better Roads grant with the assistance of the road foreman by the November 22 deadline. Ms. Bourque said the Town was ahead of many other municipalities as far as completing the Road Erosion Inventory and tackling the early compliance deadlines.

Ms. Bourque indicated the Stormwater Management Plan must be submitted to the state by December 31. She said any comments on the draft document should be submitted to RRPC within the next few weeks and the Selectboard can formally adopt the plan with any changes at a meeting in December.

Risk Mapping. Ms. Bourque indicated RRPC was also working on a project identifying roads vulnerable to flooding. She presented a map of Wallingford and requested Town officials identify critical infrastructure. Board members and the road crew identified several streets including River (town garage), Railroad (fire department), Maple (rescue squad), Routes 140E (school and Town Hall), East Wallingford fire department, water and wastewater systems, Route 140W, Route 7, Route 103, and detour routes including Creek, Hartsboro, West Hill, Dugway, Tift, Sugar Hill, Dawson, East and other roads.

Ms. Bourque then noted FEMA was updating floodplain maps and the Town should submit comments regarding errors in the existing maps within 30 days. She said input was needed as to where the maps were wrong. She explained this was a multi-year FEMA effort and she expected significant changes to floodplain maps.

Public Comments. None.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.
Sandi Switzer/Town Administrator

Date Approved: 11/18/19