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**Town of Henniker
Road Management Committee
Tuesday, December 13, 2016
Henniker Town Hall**

Committee Members: Bob French, Rob Morse, Leon Parker, Michael Fleccia, Bill Marko, Tia Hooper, Tom Weston

Guests: Peter Flynn, Michael Cyr, Bruce Trivellini

Recording Secretary: Cherry Palmisano

Review the minutes of October 25, 2016

The following changes were made:

The Road Management Committee (RMC) put those roads with the most ~~traffic~~ priority in the upper right quadrant on the diagram presented.

It was discussed that the plan was laid out so that the traffic volume is on one access and important to the town on the other access.

Anything over 30 mph requires this by the federal government. Below 25 mph, like the rails behind the school would be \$150 an endcap.

Mr. Parker stated that the committee should start from the upper ~~left~~ right quadrant of the diagram and work their way down.

As an example, Ms. Hooper reported on costs from the bridge to the town line would be \$864,237.36 for just the ~~payment~~ pavement.

Leon Parker moved, Bill Marko seconded to accept the minutes of October 25, 2016 with the changes as noted. Passed, with all in favor.

Review the minutes of November 10, 2016

The following changes were made:

~~Plan~~ Option A Western Avenue to Bridge- engineering and Western Ave from bridge to town line- construction. Cost would be \$1,217,454.26 minus \$350,000 for a balance of \$867,454.26.

~~Plan~~ G Option B Western Avenue – Main St to Bridge for \$492,542.06

~~Plan~~ B Option C Old West Hopkinton Road and Highland Drive for shim overlay. Cost would be \$431,964.57 with a savings of 172,622.69

~~Plan~~ C Option D Dodge Hill Road for \$308,369 and Morse Circle for \$71,516 for a total of \$379,879 and a savings of \$354,986.14

~~Plan~~ D Option F Gulf Road for \$160,289.29 and Bear Hill Road for \$850,809.99 for a total of \$1,011,099.28 and a savings of \$184,520.43.

~~Plan~~ E Option G Bacon Road for \$124, 347 and Liberty Road for \$34,028.33 for a total of \$158,375.33 and a savings for the two of \$182,317.

~~Plan~~ F Option H Old Hillsboro Road for \$850,932.01

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Leon Parker moved, Bill Marko seconded to accept minutes of November 10, 2016 with the changes as noted. Passed, with all in favor.

The Committee discussed the re-bidding of Western Ave and that the Town Administrator said she was getting assistance drafting the RFP. The cost of Western Ave will not be known until the RFP is sent out and bids received.

The Road Management Committee will meet the Tuesday evenings opposite of the Board of Selectmen.

Tia explained that all the options the committee has discussed will be put into a report to present to the Board of Selectmen. Committee members will receive a draft copy of the report to review and when it is ready it will be presented to the Selectmen. The report will describe all options and methodology of the dollar.

It was discussed that several years ago the Selectmen wrestled with discontinuing Patterson Hill Extension and sought town counsel opinion and the opinion they received was that it would not be wise to discontinue. Patterson Hill Extension is now owned by the College and the road dead ends; it would be easy to discontinue. The driveway portion would also be easy to discontinue. Leon suggested digging up the old report. Patterson Hill Road was always gravel, someone wanted to subdivide that land and they needed a paved road. The 1.16 mile long road is in the best condition it has ever been. Bill asked if they want to recommend that it be redone to a certain point that makes sense. Bill said they can recommend paving to the Board of Selectmen and they will need to make the decision. Leon recommends that they recommend leaving what is dirt as dirt and repave the current paved portion. Bill said that Patterson Hill needs attention, but they don't know the number. Tia will ask Mick to take measurements and have a number by the end of the week.

The current price for pavement is \$64/\$65 a ton. Tia said they based the calculations they went with off the state standard median number of \$74 a ton. As oil prices increase, pavement costs also increase.

Options for Western Ave were discussed, but the road is in such bad shape and it won't be long before they need to close it. Leon said that his understanding was that the Town Administrator was to be putting together an RFP to get a bid from the bridge to the town line. DES has stated that there be no grinding due to the close proximity of the river.

Leon noted that they all agree, as do others, that the first priority is Western Ave. There is a bunch of culvert work that needs to be done. Jenn McCourt was contracted to do a complete engineering study. The Contoocook River is a protected river and they need to follow DES rules and regulations. The town has approval from the State to replace the culverts, which is good for 5 years.

Bob Morse feels that their mission is to prepare this plan the best they can, get it printed, and others will make the decisions based on their data. Leon is questioning if they are just going to keep adding options or give the Selectmen their strong statement that Western Ave is their top priority. The RMC is saying that within the next year they want to see Western Ave taken care of; they have some options to work on, but Western Ave needs to get done.

The committee will present a preliminary plan, which will need to be updated moving forward into 2017.

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They are tackling roads that were left to fall in disrepair when there are other roads that need to get done so they don't fall into disrepair and can be saved.

The state gave Western Ave to the town in 1966. In 2004 a grader shim was done from the bridge to the town line and nothing since.

Tia said that there are culverts that are crushed underneath that road. Tom wants the road fixed, but still wants to earmark money for some of the other awful roads.

The first option should be expanded to show what funds they already have to go towards it. Tia will reach out to Jenn McCourt on the footage that is already engineered and check to see what funds the town already has towards the project.

When the RFP bids come in they will have factual numbers.

Tom thinks that the RMC should stay together and continue planning.

Tia will send out the draft report to the RMC members to review.

The RMC will meet again on January 10th and they would like to also meet with the Water Commissioners at this meeting. The RMC members discussed asking the Water Commissioners to be part of the RMC.

Leon said that they need the cooperation and participation of the Water Commissioners. If they can get them to come to a meeting they can see if they have any suggestions and tell them what is going to be involved. The RMC's plan could change once they have a discussion with the Water Commissioner's.

Bill Marko noted that he would like to push for the Water Commissioner's to be part of the Road Management Committee.

Mike Fleccia moved, Tia Hooper seconded to adjourn at 7:36 pm. Passed, with all in favor.