

**Item #5
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**Town of Henniker
Selectmen Meeting
July 19, 2016
Henniker Town Hall**

Members Present: Kris Blomback, Chairman; Tia Hooper, Vice Chairman; Bob French, Selectman; Ben Fortner, Selectman; Scott Osgood, Selectman

Town Administrator: Christine Trovato

Recording Secretary: Karen Rose

Guests: Tom Weston

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This is the 90 day update by Tom Weston per stipulation of his hire.

Tom handed out estimates for Flanders Road, Gulf Road, and Bear Hill Road to shim and overlay.

Highlights:

Monthly Blog—he has kept up highway happenings each month.

Website—he has put on the website that there is a bin at the transfer station that holds dirty fill. It is available for community use. He keeps a list of residents who would like some and when in the area, delivers it.

The Road Management Committee has requested information on shim and overlays and other items.

Selectman Fortner asked for point of order as this was not related to personnel issues.

Town Administrator Trovato stated that as a stipulation of Tom Weston's promotion, he was to come to the Select Board every 90 days to update them on what his department is doing during non-public for goals and objectives.

Western Ave—Tom asked what the status was on moving forward on Western Avenue. Chair Blomback stated he was under the impression that when the highway department was fully staffed, the culverts would be done by the town's highway department. Town Administrator Trovato stated that Bill Goss indicated that this year the crew would not be ready.

Selectman Fortner stated again point of order and that we should be talking about personnel matters only. Chair Blomback stated his point of order was duly noted. He further stated that this condition of his hire was from Tom being a regular employee to supervisor and the Board has to make sure we are showing progress in the performance of the highway department.

Tom reported that Dudley St and Quaker St are being built. He was waiting to hear about the direction of Western Avenue. Town Administrator Trovato has sent the RFP to Jenn McCourt to review and then the RFP can be advertised. Trying to get a bid this late in the season would be extremely expensive. Jenn

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McCourt guesstimated the contract without pavement would be \$350,000 to \$500,000. There is currently \$283,500 in road improvements from the warrant articles and \$130,000 in road construction. Town Administrator Trovato stated she could do a mandatory pre-bid meeting for Western Ave and put it in the pipeline for spring.

Vice Chair Hooper asked about Fairview. Tom Weston stated that it would be done by the Town Highway Department. Selectman Fortner stated that direction for this work cannot be done in non-public.

Town Administrator Trovato stated that it would cost \$130,000 for Flanders to have the overlay. Tom Weston said that Gulf Road was in worse shape. Gulf Road would be \$88,000.

Chair Blomback asked about Patterson Hill and the personnel capacity to repair it. Tom said he would have to get a quote but thought it could be done. Tom reported that about 10 culverts would need replacing and reclaiming later in the season.

Chair Blomback asked what specific direction Tom needed from the Board. Tom stated he wanted to know what roads the Board wanted done. Selectman Fortner stated that he spent time with Tom and he knows every inch of the town and the Board should rely on whatever recommendations he makes. Vice Chair Hooper stated that this needs to go to the Road Management Committee for them to vote. It takes the load off of Tom and off the Board. Chair Blomback asked what can be done to get some paving done like Ramsdell Road. The Road Management Committee can make a recommendation.

Selectman Fortner commented that the public would benefit from hearing the Board's discussion on roads. It would go a long way towards good public relations.

The board gave a "thumbs up" to Tom for his work so far.