

Road Management Committee Meeting

Date: July 18, 2023 Time: 6:30pm

Henniker Highway Garage.

Members Present: Leo Aucoin- Highway Superintendent; Leon Parker- Committee Chair, Bill Marko, Danny Aucoin, Jeff Morse, Michael Flecchia (taking minutes). **Members Absent:** Tia Hooper

No public Comment.

1. Highway Superintendent Update:

- The Superintendent explained to the committee that the town of Henniker received heavy rainfall on July 4th & July 9th, totaling over 4 inches of water. The highway crew for several weeks have been constantly checking culverts making sure water is flowing properly. Henniker was very fortunate that all roads that were closed were opened in a very short time frame. The superintendent and Town Administrator toured the damage together. The grader has been out straight opening ditches.
- The superintendent had bid proposals for the committee to review for asphalt for the following roads, **Cote Hill, Western Ave, Liberty Hill & Foster Hill.**
- **Cote Hill-** One pipe is in need of serious repair; Highway department will replace existing pipe with a bigger pipe to help increase water flow.
- **Western Ave-** From the Oaks intersection to the twin bridges has started to delaminate and the road has no crown to shed water. The highway superintendent explained once a road starts to delaminate because of water staying on the road, it will not hold and crumble in a very short time period. He also explained the company will mill the top layer to add a pitch so when paving happens, water will shed off the road.
- **Liberty Hill-** Box culvert has been completed and road is now open to traffic. The two rain storms Henniker received the box culvert did its job. Paving will be in conjunction with Western Ave.
- **Foster Hill-** The Highway superintendent informed the committee that Foster Hill will be pushed off for one more year due to the department being short staffed. The committee was all in agreement that it was the better route to take.

- ### 2. New hires:
- One new hire will start Monday July 24th 2023. He will be sent to Newport NH to trucking school to learn and receive a commercial driving license. This is a 4 week program. The superintendent is actively interviewing a possible second new hire who will also have to be sent to school to receive a commercial driving license.

1. **Discussion:** Bill Marko expressed to the committee that in the recent weeks with all the rain and the continuation of Henniker's infrastructure degrading he has seen numerous "discussions" on town Facebook pages. Marko suggested to the committee it might be time to offer another Road Management Presentation to educate and inform residents. Topics might include

- a. Private driveway rules
- b. Status of current road conditions with an update on the roads rehabbed
- c. How we preserve our roads

Mike Flecchia suggested to the committee now that the town of Henniker has a streaming service that records meetings live and stores the recording, it might be a good idea to ask the selectman if the committee can use that service so more outreach is achieved and saved for future references. The committee was all in agreement of the ideas that a new presentation should be created and see if it can be presented in person and online for off season or before a new season. The committee will work on this initiative in the next few meetings.

[Mike Flecchia left the meeting at 7:10, Bill Marko took minutes after that]

Upcoming projects:

1. Tree removal on Longview and Plummer Hill by a Sub-Contractor. Contractor will provide a day rate.
2. RFP to go out for two culvert replacements, (1) on Shaker Hill and (1) on Plummer Hill roads (Permits have been approved). Both are 30" culverts, one 30' and the other 80'.

Budget:

1. New invoice payment system is in place. There are some kinks to work out but Supt. Aucoin is confident the process will work well. Selectboard needs to review and approve invoicing in a timely manner.
2. Budget numbers from finance are not useful in current format. A more detailed report is needed and Supt. Aucoin will follow up.

Motion to adjourn made at 8:20 by Marko, 2nd by Danny Aucoin with all in favor.