

Town of Princeton, Mass. -- Town Hall Annex

ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes— Sept. 25, 2019 7:30 PM

Present: Chair W. Holder, Members L. Greene Sr., K. Toohey, T. Thompson, Alternate A. Neuburg, Interim Highway Superintendent B. Metcalf, Guest J. Fudeman,

6:04 PM Opened meeting in Town Hall Annex

Minutes of 9/17 meeting approved as amended.

Added: “Ann And Larry to form questions for Con Comm re; any environmental issues on Coal Kiln road project.”

140 Project: crosswalk mats color

Vote: “brick red”.

Revised fact sheet for Coal Kiln and Forslund Project (miles of road, est. costs)

The revised fact sheet reflects \$15,618 reduction in oversight costs which will be done by Ben Metcalf (Interim Princeton Hwy. Superintendent).

Environmental issues on Coal Kiln and Forslund Project

Larry believes no change of footprint of the road means no need for Conservation Commission.

B. Metcalf: 4 culverts on Coal Kiln need replacement before paving

Discussion about how to address \$500,000 additional cost to replace culverts on Coal Kiln Road. Paving before replacing culverts entails digging up intact paving. How to avoid that additional cost. Consensus:

- Remove the .5 mile section that includes all the culverts in question from the project and revise engineering plan.
- Assess the cost of culvert replacement and add to 10 year road plan.
- Seek funding to help defray the cost of culvert replacement.
- Replace culverts when funded or emergency replacements
- When culverts have been replaced, repave/reclaim the section of road.

Action: Ben and Larry will meet with Con Comm re: environmental issues on Coal Kiln Road. Bring the applicable footprint law. Report back to RAC.

Ask for someone to attend workshop on culverts and information on funding (@ Devens)

K. Toohey: rip rap (rocks) on 140 project

Rip rap has been installed Route 31 near new turnabout. Request is for mitigation. When K. approached the contractor, the estimate to do seeding is approximately \$5,000.

140 project: 84 driveway steep grade

Report road level is 1 foot below plan: construction error that must be fixed.

Need to schedule late October meeting with Selectboard to present ongoing road plan

Discuss combining Highway Barn Bridge and Mirick Road Culvert bids at same time.

Vote: unanimous approve

W. Holder presented draft guidelines for selection/hiring of engineering firms

L. Greene presented conflict of interest paperwork.

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Adjourn 7:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: T. Thompson

Referenced Documents: *Coal Kiln and Forslund Roads Fact Sheet 9/25/19*



Coal Kiln Forslund
Fact Sheet 9-25-2019.