**Town of Princeton, Mass. -- Town Hall Annex**

**ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes, Dec. 2, 2020 6:00 PM**

**Present:** Chair William Holder; Members Kevin Toohey, Terry Thompson, Ann Neuburg; and Matt Granger; Highway Superintendent Ben Metcalf, Town Administrator Sherry Patch

Guests: Jon Fudeman (Advisory Committee), Greg Russell (VHB engineering), resident Roger Brooks

**5:32 PM** Call to order (GoToMeeting)

**Administrative:** Unanimous vote to approve minutes for the meeting of 11/19/2020.

**140 Repave Project**

* Sterling will follow state specifications, including the 1400 feet of pavement in Princeton.
* Princeton’s share of the bill is $46K - $47K.
  + Superintendent Metcalf requests that the project be funded from the town allocation rather than Chapter 90 funds to avoid the multiple levels of pre-qualification required to use Chapter 90 funds. Contractors would still be selected from prequalified lists.
* Sterling will replace an existing storm drain at their expense.

**Leominster Road**

General discussion of Leominster Road & RRTS-1.pdf.

Status:

* Advertised for bid on schedule on 12/12020
* Bids due 12/17/2020
* 5 inquiries as of 12/2

Engineer Russel described the details of “full depth”

* pulverize in place
* test to meet DoT standards
  + if insufficient, add crushed stone to required gradation
  + depth can vary depending on condition of the base
* resulting roadbed is composed of better grade of materials than replacement
* pavement re-use is cheaper
* surface of the road will be raised ~ 2 inches.

General discussion of Bid Estimate.pdf.

The road will be reshaped to improve drainage. There is money in the bid to cover reshaping the shoulder and to restore grass and repair driveways.

Expected project duration is highly variable depending on availability of equipment, but estimated from 2 weeks to “not more than a month”. “Substantial completion” date is 5/30/2021.

Next:

* Superintendent Metcalf will provide project oversight.
* VHB has already provided a road profile to resolve low points in the existing pavement.

**Coal Kiln Road Project**

Status:

* Notice of Intent (NOI) filed 11/27/2020
* Conservation Commission engaged

Modified NOI submitted, including arch culvert for Babcock Brook and box culverts for 2 smaller streams.

General discussion of Coal Kiln Road\_2020-11-16.pdf, focused on improving drainage to Forslund Road.

* Superintendent Metcalf:
  + Described 2 catch basins emptying deep into the woods.
  + 800 feet of roadway will be widened and requires approval by Con Comm.
* Engineer Russell described the tradeoffs required to widen Forslund to the required 20 feet.
  + Both roadbed stability and cost dictate the road be widened on only one side.
  + Utility poles are on the east side of the road, which means widening will be on the west side.

Next:

* 12/3/2020 - Site walk with Conservation Commission
* 12/15/2020 – On the Conservation Commission agenda

**Other**

General discussion of pavement testing and how it applies to this project.

Engineer Russell: Recommends the town hire testing services for one day and use that information to make further decisions. Small, defined investment.

**Adjourn**

The GoToMeeting was terminated at 6:33, restarted and immediately terminated.

TO DO: Chairman Holder will schedule the remainder of the meeting asap.

Respectfully Submitted: Ann Neuburg

## Referenced Documents:

    