

Town of Princeton, Mass. -- Remote Meeting

ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes, 4/13/2022 6:00 PM

Present: Chair Matt Granger, Members Al Pearson, Ann Neuburg, Daeg Brenner Town Administrator Sherry Patch, Highway Superintendent Ben Metcalf, Advisory Board liaison Peter Guimette

6:20 PM Call to Order (GoToMeeting)

Administrative: Unanimous vote to approve of minutes of 3/15/2022 meeting.

Project Status Update Highway Supt. Ben Metcalf reported:

- Coal Kiln/Forslund Road paving: low bid is much better than expected. Bid has been vetted by McClure Engineering (see Referenced Documents). In response to a question: Pavement will be widened in spots where it is currently 16 feet.
- Worcester Road Engineering: VHB is surveying. Cores are done. As expected, the road is 12 – 15 inches of reclaimed base and specific spots have poor subsoil.
- 140N TIP: Ben is starting an RFP for the engineering. Discussion of 5 foot shoulders.
Cost estimate for engineering is \$200K using a combination of town and Chapter 90 funds.

Budgetary: State is releasing supplemental funds in addition to full Chapter 90 funding. \$268K is earmarked for road construction.

The \$268K supplement from the state enables the Highway Department to return \$100K of the town's annual \$300K contribution to road construction. The \$100K return to the town is for the current fiscal year only to help with PFAS expenses.

Organizational Sherry announced that Highway Superintendent Ben Metcalf will be getting administrative support!

The supplement also enables the addition of 1 highway personnel. General discussion of sharing personnel between Highway, Parks & Recreation, and Cemetery. Public Works Department?

Financial Question about the methodology of interest payments.

TO DO: Sherry: distribute clarifying information to the committee.
Ann: compose/send blurb for municipal update.

Other Matt asked whether the lower than expected cost for Coal Kiln/Forslund Road plus the windfall from the state can be used for the next project.

TO DO: Sherry, Ben, and Al will review and update the project worksheet. See Referenced Documents.

**Next Meeting
Adjourn**

**Tuesday, November 30, 6:00 GoToMeeting
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Respectfully Submitted Ann Neuburg

Referenced Documents:



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Kiln-Forslund Rds_Ltr 031722 Project Detail



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