

Town of Princeton, Mass. -- Town Hall Annex

ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes, June 2, 2020 6:30PM

Present: Chair William Holder, Member Matt Granger, Member Ann Neuburg, Town Administrator Sherry Patch, Highway Superintendent Ben Metcalf

6:39PM Opened meeting in virtual setting.

Vote: minutes of March 3, 2020, meeting unanimously approved.

Review Status of Highway Barn Project

The control and diversion of water during the reconstruction of the bridge has become an issue. Apparently, the construction plans were silent as to exactly how the water was to be diverted. The contractor, A. J. Virgilio, has proposed draining any water through two forty eight (48) inch culverts that are sixty (60) feet long. This differs from original expectations that pumps could be used to divert any water flows. According to the engineered design plans and permits, the design has to meet a two-year frequency storm event. The water flow in such an event is 168 CFS/+/-75,000 GPM. The pumping design is not feasible.

Ben Metcalf, Highway Superintendent, has been working with the Town's Conservation Commission to secure the Commission's approval of the new plan. According to Ben, MassDEP and DCR have already signed off on the design change.

If approval is granted within the next few weeks, there is a high probability that this project will be finished by the expected target date at the end of August, 2020.

Complete Streets Program

The Road Advisory Committee had been asked if there might be any opportunities to use the Complete Streets program to solve the problem of speeding in Town especially around the Town Common on Mountain Road. The sense was that speed control was more in the hands of the Highway Superintendent, Town Administrator and Select Board. The RAC, however, could help by seeking funds for crosswalks, speed radar signs and other signage types.

Project Updates

According to Ben Metcalf, Highway Superintendent, the Leominster Road and Coal Kiln Road projects are progressing. Crews have been surveying the layout of these roads.

Light shades have been ordered and installed on three lights on Route 140 in East Princeton. Work is progressing very fast on the rotary on Route 140.

Adjourn 7:08 PM

Respectfully submitted: Bill Holder, Chair