

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

### **ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2020 6:00PM**

**Present:** Chair William Holder, Members Matt Granger, Terry Thompson, Ann Neuburg, Kevin Toohey, Alternate Member Joe Belluci, Highway Superintendent Ben Metcalf and Advisory Committee member Bill Lawton

**6:03PM** Opened meeting in the small conference room in the Town Hall Annex

**Vote: minutes of January 16, 2020, meeting unanimously approved.**

#### **Financial Spreadsheet Update**

Net remaining balances for the Small Bridge Grant, the Chapter 90 allotment and the Town Road Account were being worked on in order to ascertain what funds would be allocated to the Highway Barn bridge project and the upcoming, price to be determined, replacement of the Route 31/ Mirick Road culvert. The timing and sequencing of projects were also discussed.

#### **Long-term Financing of bridge and culvert projects**

A review of financing for the Highway Barn bridge and the Route 31/Mirick Road culvert showed that it was beneficial in the short-term, but possibly detrimental beyond five years.

#### **Review of Grants**

Ann Neuburg reviewed the status of the Ball Hill Road culvert construction grant. Ann Neuburg also noted that the Small Bridge grant for the Calamint Hill Road North bridge had been submitted.

#### **Project planning and scheduling**

Matt Granger noted that heavy truck traffic is likely to increase on Route 140 through East Princeton because of the reopening of the bridge in East Princeton. Matt Granger also noted that this increased traffic could lead to heightened deterioration of the road bed of the northernmost section of Route 140. As a result, it was suggested that the Town work with CMRPC as soon as possible to develop plans for a TIP funding application.

Matt Granger also suggested that the Town engage an engineer to perform soil compaction tests on the Highway Barn and Route 31/Mirick Road upcoming construction projects. These tests are critical because both of these projects utilization an aluminum arch type of construction.

#### **Construction Oversight**

Bill Holder, Chair, suggested that the Town engage a licensed structural engineer to oversee the construction of the aluminum arch for the Mirick Road/Route 31 project.

Jacobs, the design engineer for the Highway Barn bridge, has a number of hours built into their contract for construction oversight.

**Adjourn 7:37PM**

*Respectfully submitted: Bill Holder, Chair*