

TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN
Select Board
16 School Street
Allenstown, New Hampshire 03275
July 22, 2014

Call to Order.

The Allenstown Select Board Meeting for July 22, 2014 was called to order by the Chair at 6:00p.m.

Roll Call.

Present on the Board: Jason Tardiff, Jeff Gryval, and Kate Walker.

Others Present.

Residents of Allenstown:

Others Present: Todd Clark, Mike Trainque, and Chris Dunlap of Hoyle and Tanner Associates.

Other Public Officials: Larry Anderson, Sewer Commission; Carl Caporale, Sewer Commission, and Dana Clement, Sewer Commission.

Allenstown Staff: Shaun Mulholland, Town Administrator; and Ron Pelissier, Road Agent.

Citizens Comments:

N/A

Public Hearing for Road Bond

The Chair stated that they are having a public hearing to discuss the 2015 road project on the roads of River Road, Heritage Drive, Meadow Lane and Townhouse Road.

Mr. Mulholland introduced the Road Agent, Mr. Pelissier, to the audience. He also introduced Mr. Clark, Mr. Dunlap, and Mr. Trainque to the audience.

Mr. Mulholland explained that the problem that they have is that the Town of Allenstown has approximately 33 miles of road to maintain and that they are supposed to maintain a mile and a half yearly. He stated that at that rate they will never catch up with the roads. He stated that the Road Agent has defined a number of roads that are in need of repair that are considered priority

roads and that they have a list of those roads. He stated that they have not done a bond to fix roadways before however, other towns have done so.

Mr. Mulholland stated that they are looking to do the repairs with 2015 funds instead of 2020 because of the cost of roadway repairs increasing after 2015.

Mr. Mulholland stated that this will not solve the issue of them being off cycle with the roads and will only address the roads listed. He stated that several of the roads will need reconstruction, reclaiming and drainage system repairs. He stated that the engineers will discuss what will need to be done on these roads.

Mr. Mulholland stated that the right now they are looking at a rough cost of about \$2 million. He stated that they don't have the extra cost because they are having the public hearing to get input from the residents and then further defining what will be done with the roads before they have a budget number. He explained that they need a super majority vote of 60% in March for the bond to go through. He stated that it is a 20 year bond with a 4% interest. The first years principal and interest would be approximately \$197,000. The first payment would be in 2016. He stated that it would add approximately \$0.80 on the tax rate as it is now. He stated that the effect on the tax rate is an estimate based on the information we have today.

Mr. Mulholland explained that the engineers will discuss one street at a time and take questions on each of those roads.

Mr. Dunlap stated that the roadways are River Road from Route 28 to Granite Street, Heritage Drive, Meadow Lane and Townhouse Road. He stated that there task was to go out to evaluate road conditions and try to note any drainage issues with the road and discuss with the town what they could do to for road improvements.

Mr. Dunlap stated that they looked a longitude cracking, alligator cracking, and general pavement cracking on the roadway. He stated that they looked at the current drainage on the road as well. He stated that reconstruction on some of the roadways consists of a full depth reconstruction of a three inch depth, a structural sub-base that supports the roadway, and then a twelve inch level of crushed gravel. He explained that reclaiming is when they grind up the existing material and create a new sub-base material placing new pavement on top of it. He stated that they noticed that all these roadways consist of these types of cracking.

River Road

Mr. Dunlap stated that River Road would go from Route 28 to Granite Street. He stated that they would do a full depth reconstruction from Granite Street to Kimber Lane Street and then a reclaim from Kimball Lane to Route 28. He stated that they do not plan on widening the road. He

stated that River Road is approximately 3,600 feet long and 21 feet wide. He stated that they will not be taking any right-of-way.

Mrs. Gatsby asked if they considered the fact that at one time they had dump trucks and tractor trailers that came down the road which could be a factor into why the road is in the current condition it is. She also asked if they would take away the material on the reconstruction section, leave dirt and then pave it. Mr. Dunlap stated that they would excavate the existing roadway in the reconstruction areas and then replace it with all new materials. He stated that as part of the evaluation of the roadway they determine how many trucks use the road to help determine the pavement structure depth that would be used.

A resident asked what the maximum capacity for that area of the roads. Mr. Dunlap stated that it depends on the percentage of the trucks using the roadways. He stated that most dump trucks are about a 20 ton dump truck which is what it is based on.

A resident asked if the existed drainage that goes to wetland will be affected by the roadway that is going to be done on the Kimberly Lane. Mr. Dunlap stated that if they don't change the impervious area, they will not be creating any additional drainage. The resident stated that in the springtime the frost sends up some of the sewer pipes across from Kimberly Lane to Route 28. Mr. Dunlap stated that the intent would be to evaluate it and try to improve it the best that they can.

A resident asked if they know what the integrity of the sewer line is on River Road. Mr. Mulholland stated that they will discuss that later on in this hearing. Mr. Dunlap stated that he knows that the Sewer Department is looking at replacing some sewer lines.

A resident asked how they are going to protect the 25 mph zone on River Road once the new pavement is down as people are already speeding with the condition that it is in. Mr. Mulholland stated that they cannot not fix the road just to keep people from speeding down the road and that the Police Department is doing the best that they can. Mr. Dunlap stated that they can look at traffic calming measures once the project moves forward. He stated that they did it on another project using a raised crosswalk.

A resident asked if they could do bolted down speed bumps on River Road so that they can remove them in the wintertime. Mr. Mulholland stated that they have a policy in the town regarding those speed bumps. He stated that they have to get a 51% vote of the residents on the road to agree to it and residents don't typically want to do it.

A resident asked if they are going to do it right and do the sewerage first so that they don't have to tear up a newly paved road. Mr. Dunlap stated that they are going to try to coordinate with the utilities to make sure any utility is done before they are done paving the roads. Mr. Mulholland stated that they reached out to all the utilities regarding doing work while the roads are torn up.

He stated that there is going to be a seven year moratorium which would require anyone who opens up the roadway is going to have to pave the entire roadway.

A resident stated that last summer the Sewer Department repairs the manhole cover and stated that she doesn't want to see it dug up and repaired again. She stated that they may want to think about any repair that the Sewer Department did on that strip of road. Mr. Dunlap stated that there may be some minor sewer adjustments but that typically it wouldn't be very expensive.

A resident asked if they are going to make sure that the drainage doesn't drain into the yards of the residents on the road. Mr. Dunlap stated that there is some drainage and that the intent is to keep the drainage on the road and not going into residents' yards.

A resident asked potential damage from explosions while repairing the roadway. Mr. Dunlap stated that as long as the rock elevation is significantly below the roadway, he can't imagine that the roadway would change all that much. He stated that they will do a blasting survey if the blasting has to be done close to the homes. He stated if there is damage done, he thinks that those doing the blasting should have to pay for it.

Heritage Drive

Mr. Dunlap stated that the intent for Heritage Drive was to do some reconstruction and drainage work. He stated that the road is not conducive to on-street parking because of the width.

Meadow Lane

Mr. Dunlap stated that the intent for Meadow Lane is to do some reconstruction and drainage work. He stated that he spoke to some of the residents on that road and that they told him they have issues with frost heaves in the wintertime.

A resident stated that in the springtime they will have about 12-18 inches of heaves in the road which causes them to bottom out. He stated that not repairing the roadways is costing the residents automobile repairs because of the condition of them.

The Road Agent stated that the roads are so bad that they can't efficiently plow the roads. He stated that he thinks that it is very important that they repair the roads.

A resident asked if the bond were to pass, would it mean that they wouldn't see another bond issue sooner than later because there are other roads that will need repairs. She asked if they are waiting twenty years for the bond to be done before working on more roads. She stated that she knows that they can't necessarily answer that but it's something for them to think about.

Mr. Mulholland stated that in the first year the payment is \$197,000 and then it will trail off as the interest gets less and less. He stated that whoever is on the Select Board in the future will have to make those decisions then. He stated that they are trying to maintain the paving budget

that they have now. He stated that they know that this won't catch them up. He stated that right now they don't have a plan to ask for more bonds for the roads.

Townhouse Road

Mr. Dunlap stated that Townhouse Road is about 700 feet long and 31 feet wide. He stated that the intent here is to reclaim the road. He stated that they would also try to make some drainage improvement on it by adding some curbing. He also stated that they are looking at adding some under drain which helps with the sub-base material that helps collect the existing water into the roadway on many of these roads.

A resident stated that when he purchased his property on Kimberly Lane in 1986, he was told that the drainage wouldn't be an issue but that he had to pay extra to build up the land. He stated that after he did that, the water runs down his property onto the neighbors' property and then into the drainage. He stated they need to repair the drainage issues on that road before they have to spend even more money or have the road collapse.

Another resident stated that she thinks one of the biggest problems is that they never used the proper drainage system. She stated that there is the brook that someone tried to damn up which caused that to spread out. She stated that the water runs down to Meadow Lane which was disconnected a long time ago. She stated that they have had the water get so bad that they have had water in their basements.

Mr. Mulholland stated that she is right and that the drainage was not done properly. He stated that the drainage has to be fixed otherwise the pavement they put down will not last very long. He stated that when they do this, they want to do this to standard so that they don't have these issues. Mr. Dunlap stated that as Mr. Mulholland's direction, they have included the numbers in the estimates to address the drainage issues on those roads. Mr. Mulholland stated that normally when they redo a road they do not hire an engineer but that they have decided to hire one to make sure that it is done right.

A resident stated that there is a mud pool behind her property because of the drainage issue. She stated that at some point there was a pipe put in that was supposed to handle the water on Meadow Lane. She stated that it was eventually removed because it was continuing to cause issues. The Road Agent stated that the piping that she is talking about was gotten for free and that they have been replacing it for years. The resident stated that they need to put the correct piping in so that it does take the water and it doesn't go into the residents' lawns or basements. Mr. Mulholland stated that if this gets approved in March, they will have public hearings to discuss what will be done with the drainage to address the issues. He stated that it is not just fixing the issues of today but making sure that it can handle potential future issues.

A resident asked how they came up with the \$2 million cost. Mr. Mulholland stated that a guide is used to determine the amount. He stated that they estimate the cost per mile of road, the reconstruction versus reclaiming cost is estimated, there are sidewalks that need to be addressed as well, and then they estimate the drainage issues. He stated that the estimated numbers are on the conservative side and that he is hoping that it will be less. He also stated that some residents want sidewalks replaced on their streets so that has to be estimated in the cost to see if they can do it.

A resident asked how many bids they will get when the project goes out to bid. Mr. Mulholland stated that they have done this type of bid before but that this project will probably get the bigger companies. He stated that they will conduct a sealed bid process and that it will be wide open for anyone to bid on. He stated that the engineers will advise who is qualified to do the work and then the Select Board will determine which bids to accept.

A resident asked if there were any plans to lower the level of the road on Townhouse Road to match the catch basins. Mr. Dunlap stated that they will look at every driveway and try to come up with the best design based on the roadway and driveways. Mr. Mulholland stated that they discussed reclaiming the road and ensuring that there is no elevation change. He stated that they want to at least keep the road the same level as it is now. He explained that Townhouse Road has the old combined sewer line system which they will have to repair to solve the issues on there.

Mr. Dunlap explained the schedule for the project. He stated that they have to wait for the town to vote on the project in March. He stated that once it is approved, the engineering will begin. He stated that they want to try to organize the roadway improvements that make the most sense and try to coordinate the sewer work. He stated that they are looking at the construction beginning in the fall. He stated that some of it would be done in 2015 and hopefully the rest of it would be done in 2016.

Mr. Mulholland stated that usually when they pave a road it is open for a certain period of time; however, it is going to take a while because of potential utility work. He also stated that there will be dust issues and traffic flow issues to discuss. He stated that he wants to make sure that people are actively involved and that they know what is going on. He stated that it will all be posted on the website and recommended that the residents subscribe to the notifications of new information online. Mr. Dunlap stated that it is a very aggressive schedule.

Mr. Mulholland stated that Mr. Trainque, from Hoyle and Tanner Associates, who works for the Sewer Commission will speak about the sewer work they are proposing to be done.

Mr. Trainque stated that they are looking at working on sewer lines while the road work is being done. He stated that the Sewer Department has a program that allows them to go in and video the

pipelines which allow them to access any deficiencies that need to be worked on. He stated that the Sewer Commission has done that for all of the roads in this project.

Mr. Trainque stated that on River Road they are looking to do some point repairs and replacing sections of pipes. He stated that the existing sewer line is constructed with asbestos pipe and when they dispose of that, it has to be done as a hazardous material which is rather expensive. He stated that their recommendation is that instead of replacing it, they could reline it which is structurally almost as good as putting a new pipe in. He stated that they are working with the Sewer Commission to come up with recommendations of sewer line repairs.

Mr. Trainque also stated that the \$2 million estimate is strictly roadwork and does not include the sewer work.

Mr. Trainque stated that Heritage Lane and Townhouse Road used to be a millhouse area and that there is a lot of sawdust underneath the ground. He stated that he also heard that it was a wetland before it was developed and that typically in those cases they get a lot of organic material which is not a very good road base. He stated that the Sewer Commission voted tonight to do some exploratory probing so that they can visually see what is going on there. He stated that they will be able to try to determine the depth and extent of dept of the sawdust.

Mr. Clement stated that there are a couple of places that there are significant dips in the pipe on Heritage Drive. He stated that they will be probing over there to determine what they need to do to fix it.

A resident asked for clarification that the \$2 million is strictly for roadwork. Mr. Mulholland also stated that it is for drainage work. The resident asked if they will be billed through taxes for the additional work by the Sewer Commission. Mr. Clement stated that they need to determine the costs of repairs to know if they will need an additional bond or if they have that in their funds to do. The resident expressed concern with the cost increases as more work is done to the roads.

A resident asked if the test sampling will be shared with the engineers. Mr. Clement stated that they will share it all with the engineers.

A resident asked what percentage of the pipes on the project would they be slip lining and what the difference in the price of slip lining versus replacing. Mr. Trainque stated that full replacing would run about \$150-200 per foot and that the slip lining can usually be done for about 25-50% less. The resident asked how much it would impact the pipes to do the slip lining. Mr. Trainque stated that it shouldn't impact them that much. Mr. Clement stated that of the 12,000 feet of sewer line they were looking at slip lining about 25% of that. Mr. Trainque stated that they should look hard at slip lining more of that.

A resident asked how many feet can they slip line in one set. Mr. Trainque stated that it depends on the system. He stated that it is typically installed manhole to manhole. He further discussed the process of installing the slip lining and the different types of slip lining available.

Mr. Mulholland stated that Mr. Gagne of Pembroke Water Works was not able to make it to tonight's meeting. He stated that their analysis of Heritage, Townhouse, and Meadow is that they would replace some boxes but no major construction there. He stated that they are making a determination on River Road and whether they are going to replace the water main which is not part of the project but in their budget. He stated that the gas company is looking at fixing all of their infrastructure that needs repair while they have the road open.

Mr. Mulholland explained the timeline as to the project. He stated that they are conducting a sidewalk survey and then they will get a better idea of which way they want to go. He stated that the Board of Selectmen will make some decisions and provide guidance to the engineers. He stated that they will schedule a bond hearing sometime in December or January at which time they should have a better idea of how much the project will cost. He stated that there will be a Deliberative Session sometime in January or February. He stated that they can come out to that meeting to voice their opinions on the matter as to whether or not they want the bond project to go through. He stated that the warrant article has to be submitted by January.

A resident asked about getting the final figures from the Sewer Department and the Water Department so they know how it will affect the tax rate. Mr. Mulholland stated that is up to the Sewer and Water Departments. He stated that he cannot speak on behalf of those departments.

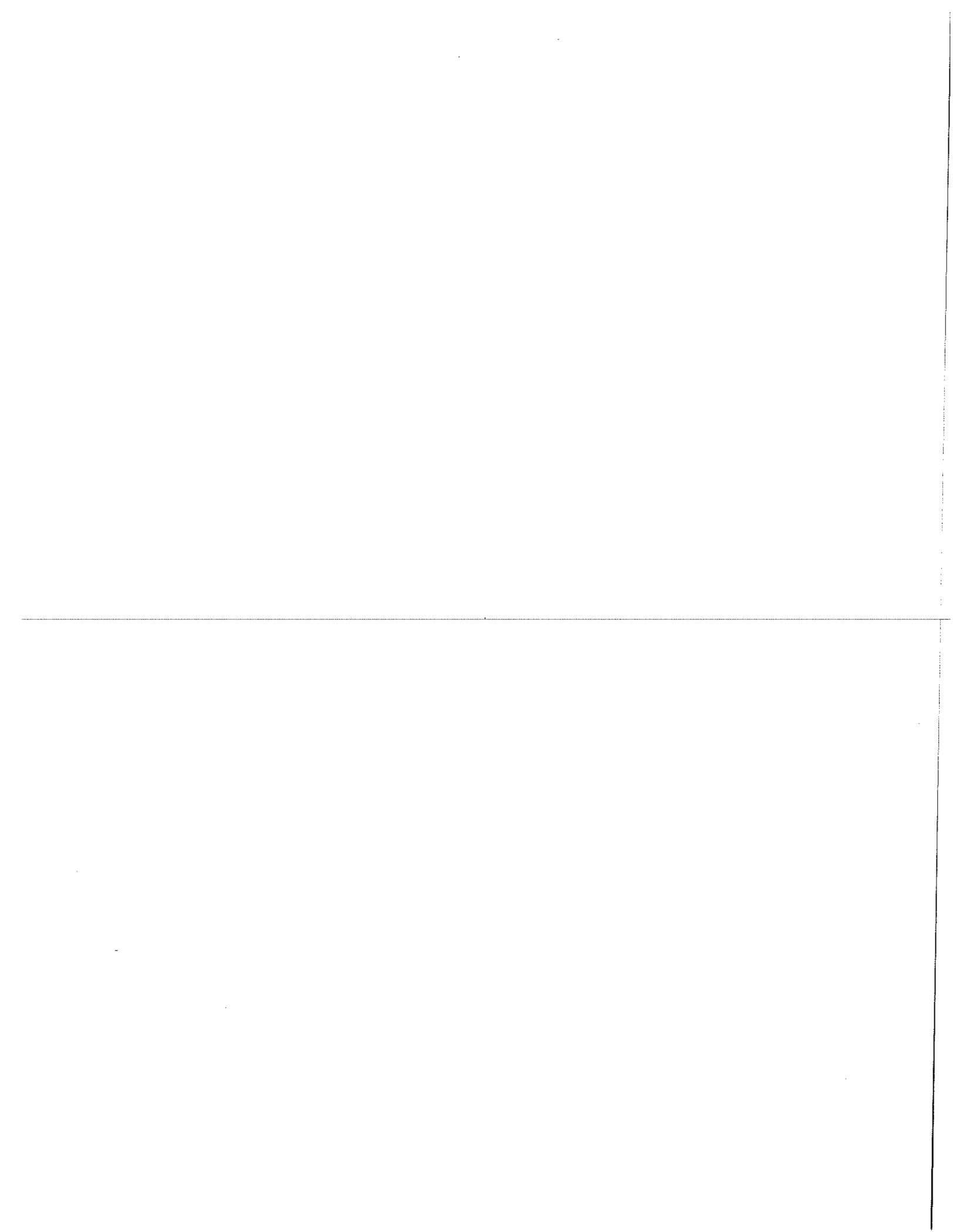
A resident asked about the work on River Road from Granite St. to Kimberly Lane if they were reconstructing and if they would be leaving dirt for a period of time while they work on it. She stated that they did that a while ago and that the dirt made the road horrible to drive on. Mr. Dunlap stated that there will be language in the contract that requires the contractor to maintain a passable condition during construction.

Mr. Gryval stated that the concerns of the residents on these streets were different than those of the residents on the streets closer to town. He stated that it was good to hear what the residents had to say and that he looks forward to meeting with them again as the project progresses. Mr. Mulholland informed the residents that if they have any questions to email him and he will do his best to answer them. He also reminded them about subscribing to the website so that they can stay informed. He explained the different notifications they would get by subscribing. He asked that if they have something that they want to talk about with the Select Board to please notify him ahead of time and he will put them on the agenda.

Motion. Ms. Walker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gryval seconded the Motion. There was no additional discussion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken: Mr. Gryval –Yes; and Ms. Walker-Yes. Mr. Gryval declared the Motion passed.

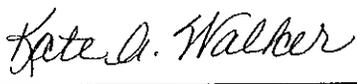
Mr. Gryval declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.



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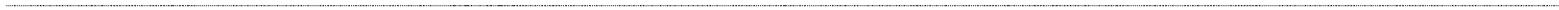
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