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## Town of New Boston Road Committee Meeting August 10, 2022

### **PRESENT:**

David Litwinovich  
Mark Debowski  
Mark Suennen

Select Board member  
Road Committee Chairman  
Road Committee

**Guests In Attendance:** George St. John, Town Administrator Paul Branscombe, Highway Department Foreman Charlie Byam

**Item 1: CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Road Committee was called to order by Mark Debowski at 5:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul noted this is the reconstituted Road Committee for road assessments. The Committee will meet quarterly if not more often and can be a great resource for other town groups such as the Planning Board and has been charged to do what the Select Board and Road Agent as of it.

Mark Debowski noted he was asked by former Select Board member Karen Scott to prepare the road assessment document he developed in 2021 but he then learned the document was not valuable or welcome from the Select Board and the Road Agent, therefore he is not interested in putting more time into updating the document. This committee is composed of members with specific backgrounds including two engineers and Mark asks the role of the committee.

Paul noted the assessment is valuable and suggested categorizing/breaking it down into pieces such as drainage.

Allen noted it is difficult to bring town roads up to state standards. Highway Department members recently attended a valuable class about culverts and are currently working on drainage at reclaimed roads. They worked on Howe Bridge according to the 2022 Warrant Article and completed this project underbudget. Continental Paving is also doing a great job efficiently paving many town roads. Striping will be planned and the “No Through Trucking” sign will be replaced at the bottom of Byam Road. Mark Debowski will research details of restricting trucking when a road is funded by federal funds.

Paul recommended the Committee review information from the Highway Department to align it with the 2021 road assessment and show Committee support of road projects to voters. Allen also asked for a budget recommendation for recommended road improvements and for consideration of drainage by this Committee and the Planning Board when subdivisions are planned.

George noted the Committee began reviewing the cost of road improvement recommendations in 2021 in preparation for the C.I.P. Schedule.

The Road Agent will draft his three-year road maintenance plan, anticipated budget and grant funds and provide it to the Committee next week for review prior to the next Committee meeting.

Drainage: Paul noted concern of issues at Cemetery Road that he has reviewed with Charlie. Charlie recommends a culvert, a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow to review with the Town Engineer, Road Agent and others. Mark Debowski offered assistance with drainage suggestions if desired and the Committee will consider this at the next meeting.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The Committee plans to meet Wednesday, September 14 at 5:30 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mark Suennen moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 PM. Seconded. Approved.

*Prepared by Maralyn Segien*

**Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 5:30 PM  
Town Hall Conference Room  
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