

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR HIGHWAY, WATER AND SEWER PROJECTS ON HIGH, PINE, AND NORTH STREETS AND MAYBE COBURN AVENUE

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JULY 15, 2014 5:30 pm

Present were A. E. Hodsdon, and Nick Champagne of Hodsdon Engineering

Town Manager Carlo Puiia, Selectmen Scott Belskis and Dana Whittemore, Water Superintendent Jim White, Highway Superintendent Calvin Beaumier, Police Chief Richard Pickett and several citizens from the streets involved in the project.

The meeting was opened at 5:30 by Al Hodsdon who gave an opening of general information. The project will cost about 1.8million dollars which has been obtained mostly by extremely low interest loans. Bid should be requested in August for an early Sept. start. Several contractors that he is aware of have finished their summer jobs and are looking for fall work. The work will begin in Sept and will be finished in the spring. Each section will be completed before the next begins and the basecoat of hot top will be put on High St. before winter. The contractors will work with Jim White and some temporary water services may have to be run while the existing pipes in the streets are being replaced. The plan is to excavate 18 to 24 inches on the road, replace the gravel which will be covered by 3 inches of "reclaim" and 3 ½ inches of pavement. This should last for about 50 years. Mr. Hodsdon needs to walk the sites with Mr. White and Mr. Beaumier. Some storm drains need to be replaced and some of them will need easements. Each house will have a new service up to their lot line. Some homeowners will need to change the old galvanized pipe feeding their house. The Sewers were almost all re-built about 30 years ago so do not need to be changed.

At the top of High St. hill (near the church) there are two properties (#17 and #25, which is town owned) which should be removed so that the top of the hill can be cut down for better visibility and safety. Property #17 is in the right of way. This will also make room for sidewalks. There is a possibility that there is some ledge in that area. There were sidewalks on both sides of the street but when completed, there will only be one which will have a curb to separate it from the street. Parking should still be only on one side. On North St. the sidewalk will remain on the North side but there are storm drain issues. There was a question about High St being one way and the consensus is that for safety and speed issues it should remain 2-way. Speed bumps make a real issue for snowplows.

No one from North St was present. The sewer and water on North St. from Weld to Pine is all done.

A section the water service of Pine St. which runs through the cemetery will be changed to allow for a second feed from the source to the reservoir.

Concern for the gravel surface mixing with the sand under the roadway may require installing filter cloth to keep the sand and gravel from blending together.

The drainage issues on Coburn Ave. are beyond the designated work area. If there is money available at the end of the project area listed, it should probably go into Coburn Ave. from Pine St to about the area of the Little League field.

There being no more questions from the audience, Mr. Hodsdon said that they would be back in about a week to walk the sites of the project with Mr. Beaumier and Mr. White.

The meeting closed at 6:15 pm