

Emergency Meeting – 29 March 2012

Present:

Lewis Sumner
Earl B Holtz
John Alexander

Edee Edwards
Brad Rafus
Mark Pickering

Call to order: 1:10PM

Introductions were made and a general discussion on having more notice of this meeting in the future, so the meeting can be open to more citizens (calling a special meeting vs an emergency meeting).

Discussion on the annual financial planning process and the states rule of thumb: 55% of winter maintenance, 45% summer maintenance; and 19VSA section 306(a). Halifax will meet the requirements for July 2012 thru June 2013 budget cycle.

The state transportation budget has passed.

A general discussion ensued concerning our (Halifax') FEMA status.

Projects discussed:

- Halifax plans on completing the required Engineering work for the bridge grant for the Old County north bridge, grant approval terminates in 2013.
- Green River Road reclaiming the road surface of the non-Irene section of road. Rafus explained that we plan on reclaiming the surface this year and paving the surface next year. Alexander stated this will probably make for a better road over the long haul, minimizing the impact of cracks developing in the crown of the road. The cost of \$8500 for the reclaiming process was discussed and Rafus is to check with Lane to verify costs. Town highway #1.
- Post Irene work to continue this year.

Alexander supplied a few copies of the "Orange Book". He is working on templates for RFP's to aid towns in getting consistent quotes from vendors.

Edee asked if we needed copies of the AASHTO standard for road side design. Brad does not have a copy and AOT just got an updated copy themselves. It is available online. Alexander also suggested that the town look at using 6" rather than 3" surface gravel, in town standards.

Alexander stated that structure grants should be submitted by the 15th. He recommended Halifax apply. A lot of towns don't apply due to the legwork required in contacting the Army Corp of Engineers, ANR, fisheries etc. Discussed the need to inform these organizations on doing "in the stream" work!

Alexander expects a new technician to start on April 9th and hopes for a second. If this happens then his department may be able to provide more help to the towns.

Alexander and Pickering filled out the new "Annual Financial Plan" for 7-1-12 thru 6-30-13 and the selectboard signed the document. Note, a copy for the towns records, will be requested.

The meeting was closed at 1:50PM

Respectfully submitted



Earl B Holtz