

Gravel Road Committee

Minutes for 10/12/22

Attendees: Harvey Clough, John Zannotti, John Kondos

Began Meeting at town office at 11 am.

Minutes not being distributed; Requested and got for the last 2 meetings. Approved the 8/23 minutes; 8/31 amended to add Fran Shippee to attendees, then approved.

Discussed approaches to gravel road construction layering options including gravel base, fabric and or geotextile, stone and gravel. Since our primary concern is the optimal stratification for mud seasons, we would like to clarify which approach works best then.

BA joined meeting and continued this discussion as well as recapped the Atherton Hill Rd project. This ½ mile project stretched town's capacity. BA relied on favors from neighboring towns, of their trucks to move materials, project took 6 weeks, likely a little under budget. Our town's trucking capacity is closer to two ~600' sections of road/project.

At 11:55 left for Gulf Rd with BA. Identified problem areas, incorporated in consolidated List below.

Next meeting: 11/1/22 at 11am. subsequently changed to 11/2 at 11 am.

12:45pm – Adjourned; moved by Harvey, 2nd John K.

List of Chesterfield Gravel Road Problem areas

Gravel Road Committee observations from tours with BA, Summer, 2022:

Old Chesterfield Road

- House #240 for ¼ mile (~1300')- BA states that it is worst by Petschick (sp?) hse. Kathleen Sweeny's input is that it is worst by Petschick (#210-#220)
- #92 for 300 feet
- ~250 feet at Morts Rd
- Utilized by residents, school personnel and short cut drivers
- About 22 houses affected
- Estimate of problem sections 1850 ft

Old Swanzey Road

- #283 for 1000 feet
- Dead end road
- Used as bus route
- About 30 houses affected
- This section has issues with limited side runoff capability
- Estimate 1000 ft

Zinn Road

- From #4 for ¼ mile up to upholstery shop.
- Dead end road

- 15 houses affected
- Estimate 1000 ft

North Hinsdale Road

- From #72 for 1000 feet
- Becomes dead end when closed in Winter, residents accept seasonal through road use.
- Estimate 1000 ft

Poocham Road

- #350 up 1000 feet to Dave Smith's house
- #441 up 1000 feet
- 300 feet from about #90 to #130
- Estimate 2300 ft

Gulf Road

- west of Castle Rd before stream crossing ~150'
- west of stream low area ~500'
- from west of Hallelujah Farm to Merrifield ~2500'
- from Merrifield to Egypt Rd (worst) ~1300'
- lower section near CT River ~1000'
- Herrick Rd ~800'
- Welcome Hill ~1000' to pavement; {at end more of a runoff/ drainage issue, so not mud season ~300'}

Estimated measurement of problem sections observed: ~ 15,000 ft.

Joe Gammuto
11/17/22