

Gravel Road Committee

Minutes 3/21/23

- 11:02 a.m. - Called to Order
- Attendees: Bruce ✓Adler, Harvey ✓Clough, Scott ✓Kinmond, Brad Roscoe, Fran Shippee, John Zannotti
- Excused: John Kondos
- Reviewed Minutes of 1/18/23 Meeting. Approved as written.
- Committee observed Atherton Road, Zinn Rd, Old Swanzey Rd and Old Chesterfield Rd. Found that the conditions were not optimum for "mud season" evaluation. All roads were in fair condition. Committee agreed that further evaluation should be made as conditions suggest that "mud season" is in full status.
- Returned to Town Offices to discuss next actions.
- Discussion centered around proper road construction. Harvey Clough spoke to proper road drainage being important consideration going forward. Scott Kinmond confirmed that road elevation and side banking was quite important.
- Fran Shippee requested mapping roads that used fabric in the past versus the geo textile that was used on Atherton Road. Brad suggested that we have more history using fabric than geotextile that was used on Atherton and that should be considered as a good data point for further strategy going forward. John Zannotti offered to contact Bart Bevis for his history of installing fabric. Brad Roscoe suggested that the Committee did not have enough time to evaluate how the "fines" are migrating into the Geo Textile.
- Scott ~~Hammond~~ reported that his request for input on which towns use geo grid (textile) resulted in no response. John

(Kinmond)

Zannotti commented that this may be an indication that other towns are using other than geotextile methods to reduce "mud season" impacts.

- There was discussion about hiring a Road Construction Engineer to assist our town in proper gravel road construction. Brad Roscoe and Harvey Clough suggested that this could be costly and is location dependent. Since there are many different soil types in the town, it may not be reasonable to use a consultant. Scott Kinmond offered that Road Construction Engineers would be more beneficial for major road/runway type construction.
- Committee agreed that we should observe Atherton Rd and other roads when "Mud Season" is in full impact. Committee set March 30 with April 6 as being dates for potential visits. BA will notify Tricia the day before each date if the Committee should convene and communicate to the Committee and Scott Kinmond..
- Tabled items: Scott: Results of material survey
- John Zannotti and Scott Kinmond drove Gulf Road and observed many good spots. The good spots were those that were elevated 2-3 feet and had sloped edge bank. There were multiple shorts sections of very soft, slippery, rutted spots that required driving cautiously at less than 10 MPH.
- Brad Roscoe moved to adjourn; Harvey Clough seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

APPROVED
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Committee

7/6/23