

Brookline Selectboard Minutes (Draft)
Special Highway Planning Meeting
October 28, 2009

1. Chairman Archie Clark called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Present were board members David Ryder, Alicia Dest, and Doug Wellman. Road Foreman Mark Bills was also in attendance.
2. No members of the public were in attendance.
3. Archie opened the meeting. He first thanked Mark for his extra work during the heavy rain last Saturday evening. He outlined the general purpose of the meeting, to discuss broad short and long-term highway goals.
 - a. Dave brought up several items for inclusion in the plans, including the following major areas: paving, increased culvert replacement, roadside trimming, ditching (to include ledge removal, replacement of larger culverts, and bridge repair.
 - b. Mark had prepared more detailed listing of required work listed by road. He suggested adding widening gravel roads were possible to increase safety and make grading easier. He has been working on the culvert inventory and concurred with Dave's suggestion that the town increase the rate of replacement.
 - c. Financial constraints on any road plans were discussed at length, both the ability to plan for long-term and the need for better information on current year-to-date expenditures. Alicia suggested that we use a tally sheet to track a running total of expenditures to help make short-term decisions on road expenditures. Several ideas were suggested to bring to the joint meeting with the auditors on October 29th.
 - d. Doug presented the Board with the warning for the public hearing on December 2nd on mass discontinuance of ancient roads. All board members present signed the notice and Doug will post/mail the notice as required by law.
4. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectively submitted
Douglas Wellman
Clerk of the Board