

Brookline Selectboard Minutes (Draft)
Special Highway Meeting
August 24, 2011

1. The board met near 35 Ellen Ware Road to discuss the potential rerouting of the road at that location. Chairman Doug Wellman the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Present were board members Mike Fontaine, Tom Staats, Kim Rink, and David Parker. Also present was Road Foreman Mark Bills. Mark and Tom had previously discussed the potential route of the roadway and briefed the other board members. Board members surveyed the scene and discussed options available utilizing the parcel of landed given to the town for this purpose by Chris Ballou. The recommended route will require the relocation of utility poles, a fence, and removal of a stonewall. Doug mentioned that the draft town plan calls on the town to preserve stonewalls. The general feeling of the board was that this was not much of a wall and it would not be cost effective to relocate it. The board discussed the use of material removed from the site to soften the large rise in the road immediately after it and decided that if it was of good quality it could be used for this purpose. A formal proposal will be drafted and the abutting landowners contacted. Although the board had hoped to move forward with the project this year it was agreed that it should be postponed until early 2012.
2. The meeting was then moved to the intersection of Hill and Kirsch Roads. During the recent detour this was a very hazardous location due to the sharp curve with limited visibility and narrow bridge. The Road Foreman will look into obtaining improved signage and possibly changing the band rail on the bridge to set it back from the road.
3. The Board then moved to the junction of Grassy Brook and Parker Roads to view the side of reoccurring water damage to Parker Road. Although it was nearly dark board members viewed the large ditch that provides drainage from the beaver pond adjacent to Grassy Brook Road past the Winchester house. Due to the low level of the culvert discharge into Grassy Brook this ditch occasionally overflows flooding the basement and then washing the road. The board discussed options but no decision was reached on any corrective action.
4. Also on the agenda had been viewing the completed bridge project on Grassy Brook Road. However, the state (Matt Man, VTRANS) had already inspected the project and determined the work was acceptable. Mike voiced his concern with the reinstallation of band rail and some damage to the road surface, he will talk to the contractor.
5. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

Respectively submitted
Douglas Wellman
Chairman, Brookline Selectboard