

**Center Harbor Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen's Public Hearing and Meeting
Saturday, October 22, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Harry Viens called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order. Selectmen Richard Hanson and Richard Drenkhahn were present. Quantum Construction Consultants, LLC (QCC) President Lisa Martin and Representative Jim Bouchard, Road Agent Jeff Haines, Kim Haines, Chris Johnson, Robert Dionne, Kent Richardson, Karen Ponton, Sheila Mohan and Selectmen's Administrative Assistant Robin Woodaman were present.

PUBLIC HEARING: At 9:00 a.m. Mr. Viens opened the Public hearing regarding the proposed Ten-Year Roadway Surface Management program. He explained QCC has performed an analysis of what is needed on the Town roads. Mr. Viens reported the Selectmen have not decided on a proposed program; this public hearing is to receive input.

Mr. Bouchard reported the Town has 17 miles of paved roadways and 1 mile of gravel surfaced roadways; if these were constructed today, they would have a value of over 17 million dollars.

Mr. Bouchard reported the functionality and purpose of the roads are considered during the process, including use by community members, pass-through traffic, emergency responders and commerce. He reported approximately 80% of the Town's roads were constructed before 1950; original roadway widths and bases were for lighter and smaller vehicles. Mr. Bouchard explained increased demands placed on the road systems with traffic volumes beyond the intended design are causing further deterioration.

Mr. Bouchard reported a Roadway Surface Management Project's purpose is to identify a solution to maintain roadways using treatment methods that provide the greatest benefit to the community with limited budgets for road maintenance. He explained the project is needed because the current roadway surfaces are deteriorating faster than the Town can keep up with improvement. Mr. Bouchard reported Mr. Haines and the Highway Department have done a good job with drainage maintenance.

Mr. Bouchard presented information on asphalt road deterioration and the lifecycle of a road, indicating when routine and preventive maintenance should be done. He reported on the program's three-phased process: inventory, condition rating and management plan. Ms. Ponton asked for information on shimming and overlay. Mr. Bouchard explained shimming will fill in areas of the road that have dips and then an overlay layer is applied to smooth out the road.

Mr. Bouchard presented two program possibilities:

- "Aggressive approach":
 - \$4.05 million dollar program
 - \$450,00 per year for nine years

- All roadways will be addressed
- In year 10, outstanding issues will be addressed and evaluated
- “Typical approach”:
 - \$2.28 million dollar program
 - \$228,000 per year for ten years
 - Address high priority and high winter maintenance roads
 - Defer the lower priority roads and conditions for the future.

Mr. Bouchard presented the projected tax impacts:

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| FY 2015 tax rate (municipal portion) | \$5.65 per \$1,000 valuation |
| 2016 Town budget | \$2.58 million dollars |

- “Aggressive approach”:
 - \$4.05 million dollar program
 - \$450,000 per year for nine years – 17.4% increase
 - \$1 per \$1,000 valuation increase (from \$5.65 to \$6.65/\$1,000)
 - A property with an assessment of \$240,000 will see a \$230/year increase
- “Typical approach”:
 - \$2.28 million dollar program
 - \$228,000 per year for ten years – 8.9% increase
 - \$.50 per \$1,000 valuation increase (from \$5.65 to \$6.15/\$1,000)
 - A property with an assessment of \$240,000 will see a \$120/year increase

Mr. Johnson asked if roads would be dug up to remove boulders and rocks; the program refers to road surface management. Mr. Bouchard reported there will be limited full “box out” reconstruction; most of the work will be rehabilitation. He explained areas of pavement sitting on ledge will need to be evaluated as part of the process.

Mr. Johnson referred to the August 31, 2016 Board of Selectmen’s meeting, which stated that the \$450,000 project would give roads life up to 45 years. Mr. Bouchard explained once the roads are in good shape, routine maintenance such as chip seals and overlays every 3 – 5 years would keep the roads at a uniform level and they would be good for between 45 and 50 years.

Mr. Johnson asked about past Town budgets for road repairs. Mr. Haines reported the appropriation went from \$4,000 to \$8,000, then \$60,000 and now \$100,000 is appropriated. There was discussion regarding continuing to budget for maintenance and preservation after the ten year project is completed. Mr. Johnson reported this will be a significant tax increase. Mr. Bouchard explained the roads are the Town’s seventeen million dollar asset and are used by many people.

Mr. Richardson reported on past practices of oiling the roads to seal and protect them. Mr. Bouchard reported oiling roads is referred to as “farmer’s mix”; he explained the mix included a high emulsion percentage, which would be very expensive and not used today.

He explained today's refined products are environment friendly, inexpensive and have a good service life.

Mr. Richardson reported rocks are coming up through McCrillis Hill Road and Pipe Hill Road. Mr. Bouchard reported rocks would be identified during the project and would be removed.

Mr. Richardson reported the first section of Piper Hill Road is delaminating quickly, but what was there has stayed well. He asked what was done wrong. Mr. Haines reported it could have been an issue with the paving contractor; he explained that area of the road is not easy to repair and a different approach will used during this project.

Mr. Dionne asked if dirt roads would be addressed during this project. Mr. Bouchard explained dirt roads are easy to maintain and are not addressed in this project.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: At 9:55 a.m. Mr. Viens closed the Public Hearing.

RECONVENE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING: At 9:55 a.m. Mr. Viens reconvened the Board of Selectmen's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:55 a.m. Mr. Drenkhahn motioned to adjourn the Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

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Selectmen's Administrative Assistant