

FINANCE COMMITTEE ON ROADS
MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2010
7:30 am @ TOWN GARAGE

ATTENDANCE – Carl Akins, Jack Walsh
Superintendent of Streets – Craig Hughes
Selectmen’s Liaison – Joe Melican
Warrant Committee’s Liaison – Peter Smith

MINUTES – The minutes of the February 16, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

PLEASANT STREET – Storm damage is under repair.

WILSONDALE STREET- Heavy flooding from storms

TRAFFIC LIGHTS – Project is ongoing. Project will be reviewed with Police Chief.

STREET LIGHTING – Project will start in April.

SNOW/ICE BUDGET – About \$150,000 over Budget.

CONTRACTS – Stormdrain cleaning and Paving contracts opened. Asphalt prices reduced significantly.

BEAVERS / CHANNINGS POND – Trapper caught seven Beavers, traps were reset but no additional Beavers were caught. Could be the end of the problem.

HAVEN – CENTER STREET – Craig will meet with the Police Chief to discuss the problem.

SIDEWALK PROPOSALS [Citizens Petitions] – Two requests [Burnham Road – Caryl Park and Springdale – Main Street] were discussed in detail There has been no Public Hearing on these proposals. Cost estimates were prepared by the Town Engineer and reviewed at the meeting The estimates assumed that Town employees would provide the labor which in our opinion was not practical due to the scope of the work and the estimated construction time. Sending the jobs out to bid would increase the costs significantly since prevailing wage rules would apply. Craig was asked to request the Town Engineer to note on the estimates that labor costs were not included that could increase the costs to about \$200,000. Considering the cost, tree removal, liability issues and on going maintenance the Committee is not in favor of these proposals. Recent information indicated that the

Springdale proposal has been withdrawn from the Warrant at the request of the petitioner.

NEXT MEETING -- May 18, 2010 @7:30 am at the Town Garage

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Walsh