

**ROAD COMMITTEE MINUTES  
OF JULY 10, 2012 MEETING  
APPROVED AUGUST 14, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. Those attending were: John Chandler, Scott Coen, Lester Cressy, Kent Symonds, David White, Supt. Of Public Works John Thayer, and Selectman Bryan Pelleran. Also member of the public Katherine Mitchell.

I. The minutes of the June 5, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

IV. Katherine Mitchell was in to discuss her concerns about the work being done on Bound Tree RD. She felt the work was inappropriate for the area, cutting too many trees, excavating the sides of the road too much, and leaving large piles of boulders along the roadside.

John Thayer explained that the work was being done to allow more sun light into the area to help keep the road dry, and to help melt ice in the winter. He had contacted all of the abutting landowners before starting this project, and had gotten no opposition. He explained that the trees were hanging over the road, causing a hazard for large vehicles traveling thru, including school buses.

Other members agreed that trees are a hazard hanging over a road, and all roads need to have proper ditching to provide drainage.

II Road Striping; John Thayer reported the LGC told him the town would not be held liable if we were to discontinue striping of our roads. Considering the recommendation of Police Chief Pecora, the cost of annual striping, the fact that our roads do not meet the criteria of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and the general consensus of citizens opposing striping, the committee voted 4 to 1 to recommend that the Highway Dept. discontinue all centerline striping on town roads. Chandler, Coen, Symonds, and White in favor, Cressy opposed. Lester agreed to send a memo to the Board of Selectmen informing them of this decision.

III. Emergency Lane assessment, need for summer maintenance. A brief discussion about this, it was decided that the committee would look at these roads at the beginning of our next meeting, to make recommendations for the owners to do before the winter season.

V. Spring ST Kearsage Ave Intersection John Thayer reported that he is waiting for the engineer to lay out the road, then he will grade it for pavement, and hopes to have Suburban Paving in to pave the base coat on this, and then top coat all of Spring St and Pinewood Dr. as far as Snowshoe Trail. Should be done before end of July.

VI Other: We discussed the fire at the Highway garage, loss of equipment and temporary shop space for the town mechanic. John Thayer reported that 2 trucks were totally ruined, one of which was scheduled to be traded, and some of the other vehicles received damage, but could be repaired.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

These minutes were prepared by Lester Cress, and are not official until reviewed and accepted at our next meeting.