

**Workshop: Finance Committee  
With Selectmen & Road Review  
1/10/07**

The workshop started at 7:00 PM.

It was discussed why Bennett Hill & McLucas Roads were chosen. Fred Fay discussed that with dirt roads you are repeatedly spending money to grade the roads, it is more cost effective to pave them. Paving is the biggest expense but paving has a 10 year life expectancy. Once paved, if you don't maintain them you could lose them and once they are paved the need to be periodically re-ditched.

It was discussed that if the town does not have a plan in place for roads how do you know what roads have been worked on over the years. It was indicated that the town does have records on what roads have been worked on and the year it was worked on.

Jon Tufts indicated that the Road Review Committee only recommends to the Road Commissioner and Selectmen which roads are to be worked on. Bennett Hill, McLucas and Ossipee Hill Roads are part of the five year plan that was recommended to the Road Review Committee by engineers that Waterboro has too few means of egress out of town. The plan is to extend ways out of town (part of the Comprehensive Plan).

It was asked if these roads will be added to the plowing contract and Fred Fay indicated that it would have to be voted on by the Selectmen.

The Road Review Committee is working on the town roads list, but it has been a difficult job because some of Waterboro's roads date back to 1700's. Nancy Brandt indicated that Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission will be giving Nancy an answer next week regarding researching the roads. The request included a map of all town roads and designation.

It was discussed about the budget item for roads & bridges. That money is used for inspections and general maintenance of bridges, but it is also used for payroll, tractor payment and also if the Road Commissioner for example needs to purchase culverts, etc. the money would come out of that account.

It was discussed by Fred Fay that the plowing contract is \$234,000.00 (not covering trucking) if the contractor was to purchase the sand and the salt it would add approximately \$90,000.00 to the contract. It was asked if the plowing contract was going out to bid, but there is still 2008 left on the contract. Fred indicated that a new bid package will be worked on this spring. The mileage on the plow contract has been amended to 60 miles.

It was also asked if the Town parking lots are included in the plow contract. Nancy Brandt indicated that the town parking lots are put out to bid separately and are not part

of the road plowing contract.

Fred Fay will provide more detailed information as to why Ossipee Hill, Bennett Hill and McLucas roads were chosen.

John Gale indicated that there is not explanations on the increases in several of the budgets and those explanations need to be there and the Finance Committee agreed that the explanation is what they need as well.

Some of the non-profit organizations did not provide an explanation on how the money will be spent. It was suggested that maybe the town could create an application so that all non-profit organizations could be rated by the same criteria.

The workshop was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Roberge - Committee Secretary