Road Committee Meeting DRAFT
Wednesday, August 21, 2019, at 5 PM Hancock Town Office, Caverly Room

Present: Mollie Miller, Chuck Willard, Eleanor Briggs, Alison Rossiter, Curt Grassett/Select board liaison, Tyler Howe/DPW

Meeting was called to order by Mollie Miller at 5 PM

Minutes of the 8/7/19 meeting were reviewed. Minutes were reviewed, motion made to accept passed unanimously.

Article for Hancock Happenings: Copies of a draft of an article for Hancock were distributed, reviewed and suggested edits were note. Alison agreed to provide edited copy to Jaime Donovan, editor/Hancock Happenings by 8/22, the deadline for the newsletter.

Review of current draft:
Focused discussion ensued re: the following:
  - Brief review of the history of the Hancock Road Committee
  - Specific measurement of diameter of “brush” was added
  - Suggestions/edits of the “Minimum Road Standards” were re-worked
  - Re: ‘sight distances’ – reference to the ASSHTO guidelines, page 35-36
    Adjustment made to the ‘cars per day’ road counts for the Hancock guidelines; reference to ASSHTO, page 10 was retained. “Design speed” Vs. “speed limit” was discussed; additional language and specifics was added.

Photo-shoot session planned: Mollie, Curt and Tyler plan to take pictures to use for discussions of sight lines, catch basins, culvert, etc. for use in further discussions with Select Board and at open meeting.

Topics for next meeting: Members were requested to read the “Conclusion” and be prepared for discussion; focus on scenic beauty and rural characteristics. Will this be enough?
  - How best to describe/suggest a balance between the technology available currently and increasing as time goes on Vs. the scenic heritage that townspeople value highly.
  - Discuss a timeline for the dissolution of the Road Committee once the Select Board has reviewed the Guidelines and process used to develop them and an open meeting for residents to attend. If there are no additional tasks/projects identified by either the select board or attendees at the open meeting, the committee will be dissolved.
  - The committee will need to consider how best to continue using Hancock Happenings to share information, details and/or issues via a monthly article. The committee will need to develop a plan that would support a joint relationship with the DPW re: development of articles.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Next meeting: Scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2019, at 5 PM in the Barbara Caverly Room of the town offices.