ROAD COMMITTEE SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY:
VERBAL ACCOMPANIMENT TO POWER POINT SLIDE SHOW 2/21/19

MOLLIE (slides 2-5)
• Explain format:
  • 20-25 min PP presentation
  • 1/2 Q&A
  • please hold your questions until the Q&A part
• Who are the members of the Road Committee?
  • Start the meeting by introducing the attending members of the committee and liaisons.
  • The committee is volunteers: grateful for all the time and work they’ve put in.
• Why conduct a survey?
  • so not only is a survey part of our mission statement
  • it also helped us identify “features and qualities that that contribute to the rural character of Hancock's roads,” another part of our mission statement
  • Assess “recreational uses of the roads” was another part of the mission statement
• What we’re not trying to do:
  • quite a few respondents did address speeding issues even though that is not our purview. All of the speeding comments will be compiled and sent separately in an email to the Hancock Police Department.
  • In the future, address all speeding concerns to them.

MIA (slides 6-10, through survey question #1)
• Some quick facts:
  • Gravel = dirt and paved = asphalt
  • There’s about an equal number of paved and gravel roads.
  • And about an equal amount of town maintained miles of paved and gravel.
• On the survey:
  • we received three surveys well after the deadline and those have not yet but will be added to the spreadsheets and final compilation.
  • clarify that the numbers do not all add up because some respondents answered some but not all the questions

CHUCK (questions #2 & 3)
• #3 - How many times a day do the occupants of your household drive on your road?
  • this is helpful because answers can be compared to actual traffic volume counts in order to get a guesstimate of how much traffic is from people who live on the road

BILL (questions #4 & 5)
• #4 - how satisfied are you with the present condition of your road?
  • 70% satisfied or very satisfied
  • 30% not very or very unsatisfied
• #5 - What changes to your road do you want to see?
  • These are just a sampling. We picked comments reflecting the opinion or concern of more than one person.
  • re: trash: the Conservation Commission is in charge of roadside trash pickup. They run twice yearly trash pickups.
    • I’m sure they’d love volunteers for these trash pickup days.
    • Or you can develop the habit of walking with trash bags to help keep the roads litter free.
  • A few people suggested the DPW NOT fix the potholes in order to slow people down.

SARAH (questions #6 - 8)
• #7 - How important is it to you to maintain the scenic beauty…?
  • 87% of respondents: important or very important
  • 13%: somewhat or not important
• #8 - What do you consider to be the most important rural characteristics…?
  • Tranquility was circled the most number of times and was also double circled the most number of times (meaning it was the characteristic the respondent considered most important of all the others).
  • Tranquility is the only choice that was ephemeral, a feeling, and not a thing or a descriptive adjective.
  • Many people in their comments stated that the town needed to preserve all the other characteristics in order to achieve the feeling of tranquility.

ALISON (questions #9 - 11)
• #9 - gravel roads you would like to see paved…?
  • a number of people suggested paving the short piece from Main Street to the library parking lot. This is a privately owned road and so the town does not have the ability to pave it.
  • a couple of people suggested paving the road to the dump. Mia informs us that it would be prohibitively expensive ($100K) and we don’t have those kind of budget resources.
• #11 - What are your favorite roads in Hancock?
  • ODR by more than double.
    • helps explain why the residents of that road and others felt so strongly this past summer about the scenic quality
    • Emphasize that what came out of last summer’s brouhaha has been very positive.

KURT (question #12)

MOLLIE (“Where do we go from here?”)
• Where do we go from here?:
• The compiled survey results and a summary report will be sent to Jonathan Coyne to put up on the town website within a week.
• The book containing the actual surveys will also be available at the town offices.
• In sum: We are on our way to producing a road maintenance document that the town has been wanting to produce for years and that will help keep our roads beautiful and safe for years to come.

Q&A:

• Open to questions and feedback.
• We aren’t here to argue maintenance policy but to present the results of the town wide survey.
• Civil tone please - we’re all neighbors and want to work on this together!

Closing:

• Look for the compiled survey results on the town website.
• Our meetings are open and all are welcome to attend. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in this room.
• Thank you for attending and thank you for participating in the survey!