QUESTION #5:

What changes to your road, if any, would you like to see (other than speed)?

Anonymous:
• None
• One comment please. Old Dublin Rd (tar section) should be fixed where the brook/guardrail is weak and poor. It is an accident waiting to happen (opposite the LaPlante house). Thanks.
• None - DPW does a great job.
• To have DPW be able to do their job without entitled, selfish rude newcomers interfering.
• A smoother pavement - NO rocks in the seal coat - chip seal is one thing - rocks another!

Antrim
• None
• clean out culverts to prevent ice buildup in winter
• less salt in sand
• keep brush cut back

Bittersweet
• get rid of that big rock with cones to warn us

Bonds Corner
• Keep potholes filled and repair frost heaves
• warning for drivers as they come up hill towards downtown

Boutwell
• add gravel to low areas

Brennan Woods
• none

Brimstone Corner
• Do not po? (can’t read)
• Would like new stop sign at corner of Shady Lane & Brimstone Corner to go back where it came from.
• Narrower, a bit windy to reduce speed
• retain as is - refill winter potholes occasionally
• take away stop signs

Cavender
• A weight limit! Logging trucks used this road to get to 202 instead of driving down to the 202/123 intersection this past Spring (& Summer) of 2018. The road has deteriorated with their use!

Davenport
• run the road grader more often

Depot
• better drainage on hill as gullys develop after heavy rain
• less sand spread in winter, plow and sand only middle of road, stop plowing 2-3’ into my yard, stop dirt from #14 washing into road and down my driveway
• it’s bumpy and when they grade the road they make a mess at the end of my driveway. Also they plow and it blocks me from coming out of my drive
• Drainage (washes out frequently)
• None - doing a great job sanding
• The material near the Depot feels different than in the past

Duncan
• Pave the Dirt Section and repair drainage
• needs ditched with culverts

Elmwood
• remove dangerous trees
• None

S. Elmwood
• a bit more maintenance of seriously rutted or pothole areas.
• more frequent touch-ups; not the whole road just the usual problem spots.
• a little attention to holes at intersection of South Elmwood and Forest Rd.
• ban large trucks
• More frequent grading & attention pot holes, lower speed limit & speed limit enforcement (more) Enforce leash laws!
• Scraped more often; seems to develop pot holes quickly; dust control

Evergreen Hill
• A calcium solution to prevent road dust in summer & winter (“Yes” was also written next to circled word “speed”)
• pot holes repaired, drainage system fixed properly instead of reacting and putting a band-aid on it each time it rains. This road has turned into a one-way road - no idea where to pull over when meeting another car.
• It would be nice to see it paved...However, installing (building) adequate water drainage on the south side of the road - left coming up the hill - would greatly improve the road condition, especially during spring melting and heavy rain. I’ve lived on Evergreen Hill for 6 years and I've lost track of the many hours spent by town maintaining my road. Wasted $$

Fairfield
• I’d like the part where it dead ends made walkable again up to Forest Rd., but not used by cars/trucks/motorcycles.

Forest Rd
• Let the person in charge of the DPW do Her job! Nobody on this committee Knows what they are Doing!
• Its not your responsibility; but using it as an example? The state has repaved it so often, the road looks like a “Bell Curve” and water runs off on either side - those of us on the “odd” side have basement water run-off both from Norway Hill and repavement issues.
• (respondent lives at 188 Forest) Kimball Road has become very busy as a cut thru between Forest Rd and Route 202. I would like to see it closed or become one way. Kimball Road has become dusty - more dust dampener is needed. In winter during snow storms, town plows wrap snow from Kimball onto Forest Rd in front of our home - needs to be pushed across Forest Rd instead - as was done 10+ years ago..

Garand
• speed is not an issue

High
• Pave it.
Hunts Pond/123
  • Fix it so that the bumps and holes do not destroy our car on Rt. 123.

Jacquith
  • Consistent culvert maintenance to avoid washouts

Kings Hwy
  • none (Yes, obeying speed limit)

Knight Farm
  • Dead End sign needs on Knight Farm Rd.

Longview
  • NO HONKING HORNS, NO IDELING IN FRONT OF OUR HOUSE, Less mowing along
    the road: too unnecessarily deep, Less “recreational” (word summer is crossed out) traffic
    • Longview Road is great.  May it always remain as is!
    • None other than safety.  I am a member of Hancock Fire so access to dwellings is very
      important.
    • Shady Lane need to stop or at least yield to Longview drivers

Main St.
  • crosswalks
  • n/a
  • narrower (“yes” is written next to circled word “speed”)
  • make it narrower to slow trucks, put back those speed bumps/platforms to slow trucks
  • no traffic for Hillsborough WalMart (big trucks especially)
  • Parking (no overnight) enforced
  • none other than speed
  • Continued attention to drainage - much improved after town planning effort, but needs to
    be revisited given intensity of storms.
  • We have to remove commercial trucks that use Rt. 123 as a route from 202 to Rt. 9.  They
    also drive onto my lawn as they cannot always make the turn by the fountain.
  • No 18 wheel trucks, logging trucks, We need police presence to reduce speeding. I would
    like a report from police on # of tickets for speeding plus report on speed monitoring
    system town bought which is never/rarely seen.  Note: respondent has written “can’t leave
    out!!” with a line drawn to “(other than speed)” on the survey question.

Middle
  • less sand strewn onto lawn
  • Too many trees were cut by Aslundh!
  • Lots of trash.  Clean up twice a year
  • More posting of speed limit signs.  Continuation of work on frost heaves/pot holes and
    clearing trees/bushes from roadsides (we know this is an ongoing process - thanks for
    your efforts.)

North
  • Seal the cracks

Norway Hill
  • The asphalt/gravel at the end of my driveway tends to break, erode, ? (can’t read word) to
    run off down the hill.
  • There is water coming from somewhere onto the road on the hill on the way down to town
    that creates a large ice patch. dangerous for walkers and drivers.
  • speed bumps
  • Adding stop sign at Duncan Road & Norway by the Fire Plug.
  • Duncan needs to be paved
  • none (at the moment!)
Old Dublin - paved
- People speed on way to Harris Center (I think). Also road is narrow! VERY dangerous near waterfall. Fine if people go slow and stay on side.
- None
- Guardrails
- needs drainage renovations from my driveway (no house # given) to Bridge E2.
- Plowed after snow storms

Old Dublin - dirt
- I’d like it maintained as in past without widening, digging down into the tree roots, taking down trees or asking to blast boulders. Gravel added to crown, not road dug down.
- Potholes!
- When shoulder maintenance is needed, plant only native plant species, i.e. not grass!
- Maintenance the way it was done in the past without widening, removing trees or boulders, TURNOUTS - maintained and plowed (this is a better alternative than widening)
- completion of previously started work and repair of damage done to roadside objects e.g.. stone walls by snow plows and town equipment
- NO CHANGES!! Other than routine maintenance
- plowed more often
- Safer for bikers and pedestrians
- None
- Other than routine maintenance, no changes. I don’t want to see the road widened, or trees cut down, or boulders removed.
- None
- picking up accumulated winter sand and fallen logs in ditches
- repair damages from last summer. Return to the way it was pre-summer 2018.
- Completion of previously started work and repair of damages done to roadside objects e.g.. stone walls by snow plows & town equipment.
- None

Old Hancock
- less obtrusive culverts
- wish there were a permanent fix for the hole where the surface changes from paved to gravel.

Old Town
- None

Peterborough
- Stop widening with every paving - this applies to town roads too!
- make it safer for pedestrians, keep right of way clear
- seems fine

Pickering Farm
- Put a proper crown so it sheds water. (Mailboxes on road instead of 123!) our mailbox and our neighbors are destroyed every year
- Narrow the entry to the road from Rt 202 - it has been slowly widened (trees cut bordering land-size reduced) over the past 10-20 years. Recreate the "country lane" feel of the road.
- More frequent grading and some different material. The end near Rt 123 is almost continually potholed.

Prospect Hill
- better signage
- end of potholes!
• We don’t have any suggestions or complaints. We feel the Hancock DOT does a very good job for us.

Reaveley
• Roadside maintenance: too much overgrowth (trees and brush) that needs to be cleaned off sides of roads

Stoddard
• Proper paving
• less motorcycles, and/or noise ordinance enforcement for so many very loud ones. Larger berm area for more safe walking, biking, (referring mostly to 123, which is not a town road)
• it needs repairing in many spots
• restrict the passage of heavy commercial trucks

Sugarbush
• None
• None! - Thank You
• Smaller and dirt
• Narrower and dirt

Sunset Lane
• Paved as well as Duncan Road repaved.

Weston
• We would like to see our road more widely plowed so two cars can pass easily. (we realize it’s tough to plow our road).

Willard Pond
• like when you use the roller after grading - it lasts much longer
• 1. Better maintenance  2. guard rails on bridges/culverts (Hopfield Hill & Mill bridge & Flint Rd/Duck Pond Bridge) 3. learn how to properly grade road. 4. Road widened and better ditching for water run off. 5. Smooth up/clean up roadsides to enable easier maintenance (Both mowing & snow plow winging). 6. clean out culverts.
• Bring it back to its former character.
QUESTION #12

Any other thoughts or comments?

Anonymous:
• Rather than aesthetics, safety and being hazard free are more important. I would like to see a stop sign at the corner of Duncan Road and Norway Hill. It would slow traffic.
• Really glad we are protecting these roads - thank you for your good work
• Why don't you people go to Paradise, CA and rebuild the town in your own image. This whole committee process is a joke. Waste of time and money. Make Old Dublin and Jacquith Class VI and you rich newcomers can do what you want.
• Pedestrian safety
• Less is best. If it is not Broken do NOT fix it
• This whole committee is nonsense perpetrated by a few Self Important rich entitled people who have nothing better to do than throw their weight around. Why not focus on something that really matters like Broadband, cost of schools, needs of the poor. Our DPW does great work - leave them alone. GO Back to California or wherever you can behave rudely and important.

Antrim
• Let's respect and enforce the Scenic Road law. Let’s nominate other routes for scenic road protection. Let's make sure the H'way Dept is obliged to follow strict guidelines for old roads.
• Respect stone walls, no signs except speed limits, no salt on lightly used roads
• sand the town uses for icy roads has way too much Salt - deadly to maple trees

Boutwell
• Keep roads as undeveloped as possible with adequate repairs and drainage

Brennan Woods
• Thank you for your work.

Brimstone Corner
• When they started to pave Brimstone Corner, my mother went out with her shotgun and quietly and peacefully (certainly without pumping the gun at anyone) convinced the road crew that they did not have to pave the road any further! Drivers speed by my house because it is a long straight away. If you paved it, it would be like a Nascar track. General Lossey

Cavender
• Regarding Cavender Rd (betw, 123/202). Use less sand on this short section.

Davenport
• Hancock does a great job maintaining the roads. Don’t pave any add’l dirt/gravel roads

Depot
• We like Hancock as it is!
• Less sand spread in winter. Plow and sand only middle of road. Stop plowing 2-3’ into my yard(#12 Depot). Stop dirt from #14 washing into road & down my driveway.
• Keep asking the citizens of Hancock what they want. Help Mia learn to give clear instructions to Hancock crew.
• please help keep the many occupants of Depot safe by taking Care of the road.

Duncan
• Keep a good balance between tree lined and power line maintenance.
Elmwood
- Great survey. Thanks for getting us all involved. Would love to see survey for recycling center. George Lohmiller
- Great survey - do more surveys. Thank you. Robin (Fairfield) Lohmiller

S. Elmwood
- South Elmwood is unpaved and sometimes a bit rugged and this is consistent with it's wonderful character as a pond-front, peaceful, country road. Since our road appears to serve as a shortcut taken by through traffic traveling between Greenfield and Bennington (and beyond?), the fact that it is unpaved serves as a deterrent to this traffic that routinely travels at dangerously high speeds. There are other paved options for thru traffic that are not out of the way. I am strongly opposed to paving the road and even to materially increasing maintenance of the potholes and ruts beyond what's required for safety reasons. They are better than speed bumps!
- So. Elmwood needs at least occasional speed enforcement.
- We're very happy with the plowing and grading that's done for South Elmwood Rd where we live. We would *not* want our road paved; that would change its character and make it into a drag racing strip between 202 and Forest Rd. Paving would also hurt its rural charm.
- The grading on South Elmwood was much better 4 or 5 years ago. The north end drainage and crater by the Robinson Rd bridge is needing help. The three wooden posts put up at the last work on the drainage problem are ugly end not even needed. The drainage pipe that runs under South Elmwood need to be cleaned or replaced There is to much standing water on the corner as South Elmwood turns to a s southerly direction.
- South Elmwood is a pass through from Rte 202 to Forest Rd & vice versa. Sometimes potholes are a good thing: traffic has diminished and slowed down

Evergreen Hill
- Again, any trees along our boundary can be removed by town if needed
- Having well maintained roads is critical to maintain property values and enticing people to move to Hancock!!

Fairfield
- I love having walking paths throughout town and have walked many, including the railroad bed between Peterboro and Forest Rd, and even beyond. Having little or no car/motorized vehicle traffic and noise enables me to enjoy the natural beauty of Hancock & where wildlife can roam freely.

Forest Rd
- Let the person in charge of the DPW do Her job! Nobody on this committee Knows what they are Doing!
- Why do we pave? When I 1st lived in Santa Fe and on Nantucket, many roads were still unpaved. Then the population increased, home values increased, peo. didn’t want dirt & dust on their cars so the demand to pave roads increased - & what was lost was the sense, & feel, of why I lived there in the 1st place. The places also become hotter. Texans came to Santa Fe to avoid the heat. It was much cooler and 7500 feet. Nantucket? The same idea. But temperatures rose considerably with the increase in paved roads.

Garand
- Thorough maintenance of drainage of roads should be done in spring & summer to avoid roads washing out. This should be done with consideration of vegetation which “holds” the dirt
Jacquith

- I am concerned that the new town plow truck is much too large for most of the Hancock Town Roads. I have already watched the new truck struggle to maneuver at intersections and make way for oncoming traffic. The size of this truck should **NOT** influence the manipulation of our roads.

Kings Hwy

- Please don’t pave any more of them!
- Regarding designated scenic roads, I propose the following:
  - A designated scenic road, under the responsibility of the Town of Hancock, should have additional protections that maintain the visual integrity of the road and its environs, as follows:
    - Any property abutting the scenic road shall maintain a 75’ buffer zone from the road boundaries that will prohibit the existence of unsightly objects such as:
      - Unregistered or junk vehicles
      - stumps, tree tops, slash and all residue from logging operations
      - Unattended storm damage including trees, brush piles, uprooted stumps
      - storage containers, dumpsters
      - collections of junk and scrap metal
      - Unused construction equipment: Excavators, back hoes, dozers, etc.
      - Dilapidated or abandoned buildings
      - Unused boats
      - junk left adjacent to garages or barns
    - (from Scenic Roads Law) “V. A town may, as part of a scenic road designation under RSA 231:157 or as an amendment to such designation adopted in the same manner, impose provisions with respect to such road which are different from or in addition to those set forth in this section. Such provisions may include, but are not limited to, decisional criteria for the granting of consent by the planning board or other designated municipal body under paragraph II, or protections for trees smaller than those described in paragraph I, designated for the purpose of establishing regenerative growth along the scenic road.”

Knight Farm

- Kudos to the highway department for all the timely repairs from washouts, plowing and sanding during winter, and the grading. Most of all, all the highway personnel are thoughtful, respectful, helpful whenever I interact with them while they are working.

Longview

- Consult with residents **before** mowing, tree work, culvert work, etc. etc. in short: any road work
- MUCH less mowing along the sides of the roads, consult residents **before** mowing, road work, etc.
- Eversource has to conduct tree trimming measures which is important. We love trees but the loss of power is problematic, especially for our elderly residents.
- Shady Lane drivers don’t stop when coming onto Longview. Dead end of Longview know enough to stop and yield to Shady

Main St.

- Effective road maintenance to preserve the rural character of our roads needs to focus on WATER management through shoulder ditching, proper roadway crowning, culvert maintenance.
- Thank you for all you do!
• We have to work on the volume of truck traffic. It is destroying the historic village. The noise, the dirt is disturbing and changing the value of the historic district. If you loose the quiet atmosphere of the village, you loose Hancock.

• The town has got to get a handle on traffic (with states help). The constant refusal to take action is ruining Hancock. I know several people who would not look at real estate because of traffic. If Main St declines so does the town. It is a shame that no delegation has gone to the state to register a protest. The road going out of town towards Keene is in a shambles, the water mains are breaking - this is mostly due to traffic volume especially trucks. If we want our town to turn into a bypass then do nothing. If you want to preserve Hancock - do something quick. Route 9 is soon to be designated a long haul trucking route as soon as that happens more and more trucks will use Hancock to get to 101 and 202. As it is now the first trucks come thru around 4:30 to 5 AM and continue until 9-10 pm.

Middle

• Road crew does a good job keeping roads plowed and maintained - thank you! Tree-lined roads (especially dirt) are intrinsic to the beauty of Hancock and to the general well-being of residents. Keep Hancock rural! (Thanks for asking!)
• Thank you for producing this survey. All our roads are an important part of the fabric of our town.
• So appreciate all the efforts the road maintenance staff make to keep roads cleared & in repair. Especially impressed with how quickly roads are cleared & treated in winter. Thanks You all!
• Maintain the rural character

Norway Hill

• Thanks for doing this!
• plow more slowly
• A well maintained “dirt” road is always preferable to a paved one. And in long run cheaper.

Old Dublin - paved

• All roads need to be maintained, but scenic roads should be handled with a more gentle touch…
• Thank you for your work, and for soliciting public input.
• Move out if you don’t like it here. We have been doing just fine without you for years.
• Thanks!

Old Dublin - dirt

• Once the rural character of road or town disappears, it is gone forever and can never be experienced by our grandchildren or great grandchildren.
• It’s important to leave dead trees for wildlife, removing hazardous limbs when necessary. Also, no need to widen! Do not alter boulders! Train plow operators house special techniques and car on special roads!
• 1. wider, straighter roads lead to increased speed and are less safe 2. Turnouts are a cheaper, more practical solution - much better than removing boulders, plant life.
• Please, please, please don’t “improve” the roads! Don’t fix what ain’t broken
• Road maintenance and safety is important and decisions should be made based on all uses of the roads including recreational and scenic uses
• After our road was graded this fall, it was never fork raked. This left large rocks in the road that turned into potholes. And it left frozen protruding rocks which must have damaged the plows.
• would like the ditches to be maintained w/o being enlarged
- Please tell the Highway Department to stop destroying scenic roads and use their budget for more important work in town.
- Thank you to the committee for doing this survey. I feel very fortunate to live in such a beautiful town filled with people who care about the beauty of our roads. Thank you to the Road Dept. for filling the pothole on Old Dublin Rd.!

**Old Hancock**

- We appreciate the attention our road (& others, we assume) have gotten where there have been problems, wash outs, trees down, etc. - and frequent filling of a hole where the surface changes from paved to dirt/gravel in front of our house.

**Old Town**

- Thank you committee & DPW for your hard work!

**Peterborough**

- Keep our country roads country.
- Thank you for seeking public opinion
- Please reduce speed limit on 123 from Main St. to 202 - and enforce it - the limit changes between 30 and 40 and too many vehicles exceed 40. Also large trucks - route around town
- Don’t widen roads just to make it easier to plow. Think of the natural landscape before convenience for the road crew. Roads have been maintained and plowed beautifully for years before the recent kerfuffle about Old Dublin Road.

**Pickering Farm**

- Thank you for doing this survey and working on the preservation of our rural roads’ tranquility and beauty!

**Prospect Hill**

- If we must put up with dusty pot holed roads a little maintenance of them might be helpful.
- Thank you for what you do.
- Thank you for spending time and energy on this topic.

**Reaveley**

- 1. There’s a problem with invasive plants like Japanese Knotweed. They take away the scenic beauty & encroach on the right of way and lines of sight. Most people do not have the knowledge or training to get rid of invasive plants. NHDES can train & educate people - everyone should have it. 2. Every community should have training with disposal of hazardous materials littering the sides of the roads as they can be dangerous (meth lab waste, “shake and bake” bombs).

**Stoddard/Rt 123**

- Speed issues - vehicles often drive way too fast on these roads, especially Old Dublin and Depot…and these roads are popular for walkers, runners, dog walkers, and runners...
- Old Dublin Road beyond Eaton Road should be classified as a Class 6 road. Crowning, drainage, and proper maintenance of Hancock’s dirt roads is imperative to ensure safety.

**Sunset Lane**

- The town does a great job keeping up with the dirt road ours included. Since the flood the end of Sunset Ln where it meets a class 6 rd Old Orchard Rd is not maintained anymore

**Weston**

- We have appreciated how quickly the town highway dept. has responded to concerns on our road (esp. potholes, erosion). Some day it might be nice to see guard rails on the small narrow bridge on Weston Road & the wetland crossing on Willard Pond road (shortly after you turn on to it from 123.). In both spots the road is narrow and there is water on both sides of the road.
- Thank You for all the great work that you do to keep Hancock beautiful
Willard Pond

- I’d like to see well maintained roads that don’t excessively increase tax burden. Cut more trees at roads edge, they’ll grow back too soon anyway.
- Caustiously maintaining our dirt/gravel roads. Consider performance bond for outside contractors hauling on dirt roads (timber or gravel). Dust control more frequent. THANKS for listening.

Anonymous letter mailed in without a survey:

Let me start by saying that I love Hancock and all that it offers. I am a huge advocate for scenic preservation and keeping things original and “old timey.” For me there are certain things that come to mind when you say Hancock, and our beautiful roads are one of those things.

I find it interesting to hear some people say we need to preserve the historic and scenic characteristics of our town. New Hampshire has had forests for at least 2,000 years, but the trees you see in forests today are probably not more than 100 years old. When the first settlers came to New Hampshire in the 1600’s, over 90% of the state was forested. The settlers cleared the land for farms and towns and by the mid-1800’s, only 45% of the state was forested and most of that land was in the White Mountains. Farming in New Hampshire was never easy, the land was hilly and rocky and the soil was often poor. Farmers in the state were often able to farm just enough to support their families. In the mid-1800’s, farms across New Hampshire were being abandoned for the promise of better land and more opportunities in the West and in the South. As farms were abandoned, the land was slowly taken over by trees and eventually woods and forests! In fact, it is not unusual to see old stone walls from those early farms while hiking in the woods in New Hampshire today.

Back in the day you could stand down on middle road look towards town and see the church. Back in the day you could stand at the center of town and in almost every direction there was nothing but fields. Historically speaking, over 55% of NH was clear cut, so does this mean that we should cut every single tree down in southern New Hampshire. I am pretty sure we are all unanimous in saying **NO** to that. It is important that we preserve our historic and scenic characteristics. Right now we are not doing that as a town and a community. The scenic roads are terribly over grown with brush and trees. There needs to be a balance of preservation, and road maintenance. The scenic road act was intended to protect our roads from changing times and changing standards. As of late, this road act has been thrown around and used in a way it was never intended to be used in. The roads are falling apart with poor drainage and pot holes and overgrown trees. Personally, I would rather look at historic stone walls than over grown brush and dead tree limbs. In order to keep something nice we need to care for it and maintain it to a high standard. I live in an old house here in Hancock on what used to be farm land and I want to preserve the nature of my home, but neglect is not preservation. If I never repair my roof or paint because I thought it would take away from the scenic nature of my home it would fall to pieces. Same with our roads. We should be keeping our scenic roads clean, crisp and presentable.

What determines drainage is the ecology, hydrology and topography of the ground, not crash counts, not traffic counts, not some blanket standard that’s written by someone that has never stepped foot in Hancock. We don’t keep dead things; dead and dying trees are not fun to look
at, they’re nuisance. Keeping the road groomed (for lack of a better word) is our duty to preserve the scenic beauty of Hancock.

What I’m **NOT** saying is cut it all down and blow it all open. I would never want this. Letting the special roads we have decompose back to nature in not the answer either. All I’m saying is neglect is not preservation, and the scenic roads have been neglected. They should be cared for like a rare Monet, because our roads are rare and beautiful, and it’s what makes this little New England town so special.