

**Meeting of the Highway Committee  
Rutland Town Select Board  
Thursday, June 23 @ 10:30AM  
Town Hall, Center Rutland**

Present: Joe Denardo and Mary Ashcroft from the Select Board, Town Road Commissioner Byron Hathaway and Town Administrator Joe Zingale.

The meeting was convened at 10:44AM.

1. Joe Zingale noted that he had put a notice in the paper to begin the process of reducing the speed at Flory Heights to 25 mph. The Select Board may also want to consider making Flory Heights one way or putting in speed bumps, or both. Those actions would require a public meeting at which Flory Heights residents would be heard.

2. We should review all residential developments to see if speed needs to be reduced. The state requires that we give a reason for each street on which we reduce speed below 35 mph, such as proximity to a school, a par, a blind corner or hill. We will ask the chief of police to identify streets on which he has had speed complaints, and ask him to join us for that discussion.

3. Naming unnamed roads: There are three segments of town roads without names, which should have names for 911 purposes:

TH 84: the extension of East Proctor Road just past Grand Ledge. This is very short, running maybe 300-500 feet to a dead end. Our suggested name is Zimmer Lane as the Zimmer family had lived there, and Mr. Zimmer served on the Town's Planning Commission for many years.

TH85: the segment from the end of Park Street in the City to Otter Creek. This used to lead to the old Billings covered bridge, destroyed in 1953. Our suggested name is Billings Bridge Trail.

TH : the segment at the end of Perkins Road. Our suggested name is Fire Clay Lane.

On the last, Joe and Joe noted that the Martins, adjoining owners, continue to lock and gate the road. Joe Zingale said that the Fire Chief wants them to remove the gate. Joe also advises that because their house is hooked up to the Town's fire alarm system, the owners need to install a lock box at the house. This matter has been going on for some time and needs to be resolved. Joe will ask the Select Board's permission to send a about these matters.

Joe also advised that there is an unnamed piece of road off Sugarwood Lane which part of old Route 7. It is not clear to whom this belongs, but we receive state aid money for it.

4. Byron Hathaway reported that Donald Tuttle on Colonial Drive has requested that no work be done at this time on the drainage easement we had discussed. Maybe he will agree at a later time. We should prepare a draft easement so that the this will be ready if circumstances change.

5. Byron will be hiring a part time person to help on the road crew when another road crew member is haying. The new employee will need to attend flagging school.

6. The Town of Pittsford has expressed interest in co-owning our line striping machine. The committee discussed this, and decided that we would retain ownership, but may allow Pittsford to use it for a fee. The season for use of the line striper is short and we need to be in charge of use of the machine.
7. Highway book: Byron has obtained the materials from Sheri Slack that she had completed but not put into the highway book. Patty will work on this on her own time; there is \$2,000 allocated in the budget to pay her. Mary A. will continue to look into an intern from the law school to assist with this project.
8. Byron noted that UVM Engineering School was very interested in sending engineering students as interns to design the shared use path at Northwood.
9. Highway garage: the Town has provided some of its own fill and topsoil as extra fill over the septic pipe. This was supplied at the town's expense by the town's work crew. We may be able to trade this work for something from the contractor as building completion nears.
10. Bike/Ped grants applications are due July 15. The Select Board needs to advertise and hold a public meeting before that date. We won't plan to seek a grant for Northwood this year, as we will instead construct the shared use path and use that as evidence of the town's commitment, enhancing our changes next year of getting a grant.

We do want to move forward with the Cold River Road sidewalk from Adele Stanley Apartments to Route 7. We may also consider tying in the water line from Adele Stanley to a hydrant at the corner of Cold River Road and Route 7. This will enhance fire protection on the east side of Route 7 and may encourage the U-Haul folks to give us an easement for a portion of the sidewalk.

The Committee agreed to ask the full Select Board to move ahead with this project, and to request that Susan Schreiber be contracted with for a sum not to exceed \$1,000 to do the small project grant application for the Town. Susan advises that this grant is for projects ready to go, as this one is because we already have the engineering done. This will require a 50-50 cost sharing with the town, but in-kind work such as the town crew doing the construction will count toward the match.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 12:30PM.

Respectfully submitted: Mary C. Ashcroft.