

1 **TOWN WIDE ROAD STABILIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE**
2 **REGULAR MEETING OF March 27, 2023**
3 **Salem Town Hall, 33 Geremonty Drive, Salem, NH Knightly Room**
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5 **PRESENT** Chairman Roy Sorenson, Selectman Cathy Stacey, Capital Projects Engineer James
6 Danis, DPW Director Geoff Benson, Engineering Director John Klipfel,

7 **Also Present: Non-Voting Members** Project Engineer Todd Welch
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9 **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Sorenson called the meeting to order at 4:00

10 **Motion by:** Member Stacey to accept meeting minutes from November 2, 2022, second by
11 Member Danis

12 **Roll Call Vote 5-0-0**

13 **Member Sorenson – Yes**

14 **Member Danis – Yes**

15 **Member Stacey – Yes**

16 **Member Klipfel – Yes**

17 **Member Benson – Yes**
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19 **Public Request:** Car-Mar Lane gravel road conversion from Linda Mele, 36 Car-Mar Lane. Seed
20 St. request came through in November, with the new PCI update it may be moved to a sooner
21 date. Clark, King, Palm, and Hunt are all gravel roads and the PCI update will have gravel roads
22 graded, from there we will establish a priority list and strategy for gravel roads.
23 PCI update is in draft form, the plan is to finalize, review and go immediately after the town
24 council is established.
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26 **2023 Road Program: Agenda item for BOS:** BOS meeting next Monday. Member Danis
27 reviewed the 2023 Budget Program – Budget Summary which shows an estimate based on
28 historic pricing and inflation. As-bid column lists projects after he puts them out to bid. Final
29 Budget is what we end up getting. As-Bid total including engineering is about 5.2 million, with
30 adjustments, reduces it to 4.5 million. Member Danis also went over adjustments to the 10-
31 year Road Program for 2023. Pleasant Street Mill/overlay and Rt28 mill/overlay just north of
32 Cluff crossing road have not been bid as they were part of other projects. Pleasant Street
33 mill/overlay is included with Pleasant/Mall intersection reconstruction. Final designs will be in
34 the next 3-5 months, depending on how the season lays out. South Broadway will be done at
35 the same time as Rockingham Park Blvd.
36 Member Danis said he removed Island and London because they are low volume roads.
37 Member Stacey asked if they will automatically be added in 2024 since they were removed for
38 2023, Member Danis said with the revised PCI he doesn't know and there will likely be a major
39 shift in the next 3-5 years due to the new ratings. There is generally a ten-point loss from 2017-
40 2022. The new PCI data is being reviewed and a draft of the 10-year Road Program should be
41 ready prior to the next road committee meeting.
42 Member Danis went over the effects if the Road Program is reduced the budget to \$3.5 million,
43 the total length of roads completed in 2023 would reduce by 2/3. The impacts one year later in
44 2024 would be the current 2024 road program would be reduced to one operational road

45 reconstruction <or> one neighborhood road reconstruction and one operational road
46 mill/overlay. The understanding would be the 2023 removed work would be completed in
47 2024 which causes the major reduction in programmed 2024 work.
48 Member Danis reviewed causes and trends for higher bids. He did a 4-year average focused on
49 gas and asphalt pricing. Generally, bidding numbers track with fuel and asphalt pricing. An
50 additional 12-month analysis was completed for 2022. In 6 months, fuel was up 72% and
51 asphalt was up 30%. Other increases are related to material shortages due to weather events
52 and war. Contractors incurred significant losses in 2022. Higher 2023 bid numbers appear to
53 be still recovering from 2022 losses.
54 Pleasant at Main is in conceptual design. Final design efforts will progress pending discussions
55 with the power company about utility relocations.
56 Member Stacey asked about Duston Road and the traffic (trucks/tractors) and asked how we
57 can eliminate this, Chairman Sorenson said he would look into this.

59 **Additional items:** In addition to Island and London, A, Alta, Asbury (M&O) will be removed.

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61 **Motion by:** Member Stacey to submit the proposed 2023 reconstruction and M&O crack seal
62 and design to BOS on Monday, April 3, 2023, second by Member Danis

63 **Roll Call Vote 5-0-0**

64 **Member Sorenson – Yes**

65 **Member Danis – Yes**

66 **Member Stacey – Yes**

67 **Member Klipfel – Yes**

68 **Member Benson – Yes**

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70 **Motion by:** Member Stacey to adjourn at 4:42 second by Member Klipfel

71 **Roll Call Vote 5-0-0**

72 **Member Sorenson – Yes**

73 **Member Danis – Yes**

74 **Member Stacey – Yes**

75 **Member Klipfel – Yes**

76 **Member Benson – Yes**

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78 Notes/minutes taken by: Kim Babaian

79 Approved: Town Wide Road Stabilization Committee

80 Date: August 21, 2023

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