

**SELECTBOARD PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING
REGARDING OLD ROUTE 2
Monday, July 2, 2018**

Those present were: Michael Hogan, Jack Daniels, Bernie Shatney, Rep. Kitty Toll, Wayne Simmons AOT, Mark Boudreau and Mike Morin from J.A. McDonald, John Cookson, Shannon Cookson, Andrew Gilbert, Karen Deasy, Michelle Leclerc, and Betty Ritter

1. The meeting was called to order by Michael Hogan, Chair at 5:00 p.m.
2. A motion was made to accept the agenda with a second by Jack. Motion carried.

Mike Hogan, Karen Deasy and Dan Currier walked the road last week to inspect the road. The road in their opinion is in bad shape. It was pointed out that the amount of material that is being trucked and the amount of use of the road was not communicated with the Town. The Chair wanted to be clear that the Town is not having this meeting to stop the project but felt it was in the best interest of the Town to hear from all the involved parties and to work towards a meaningful resolution. It was also stated there are safety concerns with that amount of truck traffic and the run off of materials into various bodies of water. Matt from J.A. McDonald discussed how the project is going and what they have completed.

Mike stated that the Town was not aware that there was going to be that much traffic on the Old Route 2. Wayne Simmons from AOT informed everyone how a project is run by his agency. The State of VT was disappointed that there was miscommunications with the excess weight permit. The state does not talk to the towns regarding projects in most cases. They do have environmental specialist on site on all times. They are going to do better job of signage for warning of the trucks.

Mike stated that there should be some communication with the town on a project of this size. Wayne said there is a drainage issue on the road that is causing damage to the road. John Cookson responded with the road being in bad shape before this work had been done. Karen talked to Dan Currier from CVRPC. Dan sent a letter with information noting his observations of the road regarding ditching, section needing to be stone lined, culvert issues, a recommending a good portion of that road should be gravel. Mike from J.A. McDonald has removed some sand earlier this spring. Karen said there is a substantial amount of work to be done on that road.

J.A. McDonald advised that all of the excavation will be completed this year. They have been recycling the asphalt to their quarry. They have taken 46-47,000 yards. Andrew Gilbert's expressed various concern about the permitting process. There is a permit that was posted by the State. The permit is separate from the excess weight permit. Wayne says that VTrans does not notify the town of the waste site. VTrans does not get involved with the permit. VTrans said no more unpermitted trucks. J.A. McDonald has required each individual truck to have a permit. This was not the only site they looked at before making their decision. They had looked at four other sites. JA McDonald tried to minimize where they were delivering the waste. Bernie is wondering if they travel to the dump site and back. They have been using both ends of the road too.

Jack is wondering if there are mitigation steps to start this year or should they start next year. In the short term are there things that we can do working with the contractor? Mike would like to have the road ground up to be maintained as a gravel road. He is wondering if J.A. McDonald would be willing to help with the process. It would give the Town a much easier surface to maintain and would be a better road to travel for the residents. This would cost approximately \$7,500 for grinding into the sub-base. It would definitely give a much better base to the road. If we would do the entire mile it would cost approximately \$16-18,000 to grind the road down and that would leave a good road surface. Wayne would talk about funding with the town. Wayne thinks they should do some test pits to see what is underneath. Also, Karen pointed out there are six or eight culverts that need to be replaced.

Jack is wondering when we would like to do this. The end of the project is October and the grinding of the pavement could be done at that time. The town could do a contract with J.A. McDonald as they have all the equipment on site. Jack inquired if the State willing to help out with this project. Wayne will review the whole process. Shawna and Dan will come out with Karen to work on the ditching plans. Wayne will work with Karen on the process that needs to take place. Jack would like to thank Kitty for coming to our meeting. There were final comments by all parties stating that they felt the meeting was very successful with a potential outcome agreed to that will benefit the town and all the folks who live on Old Route 2. The Selectboard appreciates all the folks who showed up and participated in tonight's meeting.

3. Public Comment – There was public comment during the discussion by parties who live along Old Rt 2.
4. Adjourn – Fred moved that we adjourn with a second by Bernie, motion carried. Adjourned the meeting at 5:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer