

Class IV Road Maintenance Committee Meeting – August 27, 2012 – Moretown Town Hall

In attendance: Deb Sargent, Martin Cameron, Reed Korrow, Michelle Beard

Martin distributed a breakdown of Moretown class IV roads, the class IV portion distance and the road's relative condition, sorted by the services that they currently receive. Out of the 21 roads on the list: 6 receive services above and beyond typical class IV road maintenance; 8 receive some services that are more typical of class IV roads and 7 are of an unknown location. Detailed information regarding the roads was difficult to track down. The committee was appreciative of the time and effort that went into the compilation of the breakdown.

With the availability of a comprehensive list, the committee was able to determine that it was not feasible to equally maintain all roads that are currently classified as class IV. It was also clear that there are some roads that would take a large amount of time and money to get them to a level that would make them able to be maintained by regular grading. The town will need to set boundaries to keep the policy consistent, yet not overburden the taxpayers.

Winter Maintenance: The committee unanimously concluded that winter maintenance on class IV roads, including the pushing back of snow banks, is not an appropriate use of town resources. The proposed policy stating this (if approved) will go into effect 5/1/13.

Classification: Current class IV roads should be grouped into two distinct categories:

Group 1 – Roads that are able to be graded. These roads will receive regular to semi regular grading based on road condition.

Group 2 – Roads that are not able to be graded. These roads will receive no services.

Roads will be placed into groups based on condition, topography, slope and use by a group made up of the road commissioner, the road foreman and the select board road liaison. Roads that are not able to be located will fall into group 2. The select board will review and approve the groupings.

Summer Maintenance: If a resident is willing to buy the materials, the town is willing to use equipment and manpower to help spread those materials. All requests for this type of service must be received by the road foreman no later than April 2. The road foreman will then schedule the work during the summer season at the road crew's convenience. The road foreman will communicate the date to the resident. Requests received after April 2 will fall to the next summer season.

The town will not provide any purchased materials to residents for use on class IV roads. Crushed rock from the landfill is determined to be a town resource and will not be given out.

It is the committee's opinion that, once adopted, the class IV road maintenance policy should be reviewed and revisited if necessary each year.

The next class IV road committee meeting is **Monday, September 10 at 5:30 at the Moretown Town Hall**. The purpose of this meeting is to review the policy and ready it for submission to the select board.

