

Borough of Fenwick Roads Committee

Minutes of the meeting held November 17, 2018

The Road Committee met at 112 Sequassen Avenue on Saturday, November 17, 2018.

Agenda Item #1

The meeting was called to order at 4:39 PM ET.

In attendance were C. Chadwick, E. Davis, B. Gay and W. Webster

Also attending as an interested member of the public was F. Keeney.

C. Chadwick offered to act as recording secretary.

Agenda Item #2

B. Gay nominated William Webster to act as chairman of the committee. The nomination was seconded by E. Davis and the members voted unanimously in favor.

Agenda Items #3 and #4 and #5

In a review of the most recent report of the committee to the Board of Warden & Burgesses dated April 30, 2016 there was unanimous agreement that the condition of the roads in the Borough has continued to deteriorate.

B. Gay reported that the condition of the eastern portion of Pettipaug Avenue showed an increased rate of degradation and that it could be expected that pending/near-term construction projects on this road (#11 & #24 Pettipaug) would likely result in total failure of the road surface. The concept of "you break it, you fix it" was introduced.

E. Davis reported the worsened condition of the central portion of Mohegan Ave.

W. Webster reported on the recent and previous flooding of Sequassen Ave. from the creek bridge to the fork at the southerly end of the road. Opinions were expressed about the recent flooding being exacerbated by the breach in the "dune" east of the former Hepburn property and the blockage of the culvert underneath the former Mohegan Ave. leading to the "Hepburn pond". Clearly, the water floods in from the creek to the road just south of the bridge. Two years ago Webster reported this same condition to the Board of Warden & Burgesses and recommended sand bagging the area about 15 feet to prevent this from happening. Both the superintendent and the General Manager also suggested this. No action was taken.

Committee members suggested that the southerly portion of the Sequassen Ave. roadway proper may not be subject to expensive and lengthy permitting processes.

Members of the committee and F. Keeney commented on the unusual depth of salt water covering and flowing over the Nibang Ave. entrance in the recent Nor'easter.



Nibang Ave. entrance – October 27, 2018

Agenda Item #6

The Committee noted that the Board of Warden & Burgesses had been unable to take action on the committee's report of 2016, and that since then other possibly less important projects had been undertaken. The committee identified and set priorities on the following areas:

- 1) Nibang Ave. entrance – a “shovel ready” project which affects public health and safety of at least 72 property owners and impedes emergency services
- 2) Sequassen Ave. south of creek bridge – a roadway which when flooded significantly affects access by 10 property owners and inhibits emergency services
- 3) Mohegan Ave. central – a short but important thoroughfare used by 13 or more property owners and a majority of visitors to the Borough
- 4) Pettipaug Ave. east – in danger of becoming not possible to chip seal

The committee unanimously agreed that in order to assist the Board of Warden & Burgesses in planning for repairs to the roads its members agreed to do the following:

- 1) W. Webster will contact the First Selectman of Old Saybrook to ascertain what advice or help is available from the Town. The Department of Public Works might also have advice. He will also contact Nathan L. Jacobson & Associates of Chester which has done work previously on this road.
- 2) B. Gay will contact the contractor who did the recent reconstruction of Sequassen Ave. along the south cove in order to obtain a rough estimate of cost for one or more of the identified problem areas.
- 3) F. Keeney volunteered to ask his son-in-law, who works for the State of Connecticut D.O.T., if he was aware of similar projects where large quantities of fill could be obtained. E. Davis cautioned about the quality of fill which might come from a D.O.T. project.
- 4) C. Chadwick will update the map of the Borough to show current road conditions.
- 5) The committee will recommend to the Board of Warden & Burgesses that some lawful means be established to allow the Borough to recover the cost of road repairs made necessary by private construction projects.
- 6) The committee asks that the Board direct the General Manager to confirm the safe storage of the new style LED lighting fixtures, two of which should be earmarked for the Nibang Ave. entrance.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM ET

Respectfully submitted,

C. Chadwick – acting secretary