

Calais Roads Advisory Committee Meeting
#14
Tuesday, July 1, 2014
at the Calais Town Hall
10:00 am

Committee members present clock wise from the chair: Stephanie Kaplan (Vice Chair), Conrad Smith, Peter Harvey (Secretary), and Barbara Weedon.

Committee members absent: Doug Lilley

Audience: Gary Schultz

This meeting began at 10:05 am.

This meeting:

1. Reviewed and discussed Road Classification Map
 - a. Yellow – collector roads (35 mph) 20 ft wide and a 2 to 4 ft vegetated verge shoulder on each side of the road
 - b. Blue – secondary roads (30 mph) 14 ft wide and a 2 to 4 ft vegetated verge shoulder on each side of the road
 - c. Pink – very low traffic roads (25 mph) 12 ft wide and a 2 to 4 ft vegetated verge shoulder on each side of the road
2. Peter relayed that Scott Bassage told him on the phone that the Selectboard will review the Town Plan Changes at the next Selectboard meeting (7/7/14) and suggested that we talk with Planning Commission members before that meeting.
3. This committee decided this evening to recommend to the Selectboard that Gary Schultz be appointed to the Calais Advisory Roads Committee
4. It was noted that Toby forwarded each of us an email from Dan Currier on June 24, stating that the traffic counters will be put in place for a week at a time beginning July 3, starting with the southernmost intersection (Adamant area). Dan has access to a 4th counter to use here in Calais on this roads study.
5. This committee agreed to recommend to the Selectboard that two more road counter placements be added to the current list, making the current list:
 - a. Adamant - Adamant Rd./Lightening Ridge Rd. intersection (3 counters)
 - b. Maple Corner - Country Rd/Kent Hill Rd/Worcester Rd intersection (3 counters)
 - c. Gospel Hollow - Kent Hill Rd./Pekin Brook Rd intersection (3 counters)
 - d. North Calais - Moscow Woods Rd./Jack Hill Rd./Upper Rd. intersection (3 counters)
 - e. North Calais - No. 10 Pond Rd. near the fishing access (1 counter)

- f. at the town line - Nelson Pond Rd. (1 counter)
 - g. at the town line – Sand Hill Rd. (1 counter) (added 7/1/14)
 - h. at the town line - Bliss Rd. (1 counter) (added 7/1/14)
 - i. at the town line - Foster Hill Rd. (1 counter)
 - j. at the town line - Blachley Rd. (1 counter)
 - k. at the town line – Marshfield Rd. (1 counter)
 - l. at the town line – Sadie Foss Rd. (1 counter)
6. When discussing classifying Collar Hill Rd as very low, Peter suggested adding signs at the top and bottom of that road similar to what the state uses “Steep Grade __% not recommended for trucks.”
 7. Peter was asked to include a key identifying highway classes (1,2,3,4, gravel, paved, etc) on future copies of the State Mileage maps that this committee is using. Donna is letting us make copies on the town copier.
 8. Peter made a motion to narrow the travel portion of roads in the existing 25 mph Village Districts to 12 ft with vegetated verges on each side to comply with the very low traffic (25 mph) road classification. This motion was defeated 2-1-1 (Stephanie abstained).
 9. Barbara asked to indicate the 25 mph Village Districts on future Road Classification Maps for the “possible special attention of safety.” The Committee agreed.
 10. Gary asked why we are collecting data with road counters about the number of cars and the speed they are driving. Peter responded that the data will show us what speed the current road design encourages people to drive at.
 11. Adjourned 11:35
 12. Next meeting is 10:00 am, Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at the Calais Town Hall.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Peter Harvey

Approved July 15, 2014