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Calais Roads Advisory Committee Minutes
5/31/2016 - Calais town office

Committee members present: Stephanie Kaplan (recorder), Rick Kehne, Barbara Weedon
Guests: Rose Pelchuck, Denise Wheeler, Colin Doolittle

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The last Committee meeting was in January. Rick found the draft minutes on his computer and he'll send them around. They include his notes from our discussion of revisions to the Road and Bridge Standards. The proposed revisions will be inserted into a Word version of the Standards and there will be further discussion about possible revisions.

Colin has a business that uses trucks and he is concerned about road safety. The Committee explained the origin and the purposes of the Road and Bridge Standards and the fact that it is a working document that will be revised as it is discovered over time what may need to be changed or added, keeping in mind the Guiding Principles.

There was a discussion about the lack of consistency with the Road Standards and concerns about some of the construction and maintenance that has been taking place on various town roads. There was agreement that training sessions with the road crew about the Road Standards requirements are a good idea and Denise will contact Dave Anton to see if he is available. Denise said she will check on the status of road crew and road commissioner evaluations and make sure that the Selectboard is part of the performance evaluation process. She asked the Committee to send the Selectboard a list of the roadwork that has been done that is and is not consistent with the Road Standards.

There was a discussion about whether there is a capital plan and, if so, what it includes.

Rick will send out his latest draft of the proposed Roadside Tree Policy and we will send him our feedback. He'll include Neal because as Tree Warden his perspective is important.

Rose mentioned that permanent markers need to be installed at the Lightening Ridge/Adamant Road newly formed T-intersection to keep drivers from cutting the corners.

Stephanie mentioned the possibility of getting together with someone from the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program about setting up a Tree Committee in Calais for identifying places that need trees, finding the right trees, getting grants, planting trees, and maintaining them. There's a lot of interest. Stephanie will contact Elise Shadler from the Forestry Program to find out when she's available and contact the members of this committee as well as the Conservation Commission to set up a time for a meeting with her. Denise mentioned that people have been planting trees in Maple Corner and Stephanie said she will also contact about the Tree Committee meeting.

Stephanie will contact Jon Kaplan at the State Bicycle-Pedestrian section of VTTrans to find out about getting Share the Road signs.

The next meeting will be June 23 when everyone will be available.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.