

Calais Committee on Safe and Scenic Roads  
Minutes of Meeting on December 12, 2011  
Calais Town Clerks Office

Present: Mo Cerutti, Greg Pelchuk, Cathy Kashanski (all members), Tim Fillbach (guest)

Missing: J.C. Myers, Doug Lilley

Our committee operates under the public meeting rules and so the meetings are open to the public and we have to take minutes. Mo Cerutti is the Chair and Cathy will take minutes.

To start, we were each given a Committee Charge from the Selectboard (draft 10/10/11) and a Town Road and Bridge Standards document that is date January 4, 2011. Then each of us gave some background on ourselves and shared experience starting with Mo.

Next we discussed some of the history of roads in general and then discussed road committees in town in the past.

Most of the rest of the meeting was discussing what we need to know to fulfill the tasks that the Selectboard gave the committee. Following are what each person is going to find out or do before the next meeting.

Speed and traffic counts are two factors that affect road widths.

- 1) Greg is going find the traffic counts that have been done for Calais roads.
- 2) Cathy is going to find out what equipment the town owns and what the size is of blades and wings and how much road area is cleared when plowing (in one sweep).
- 3) Mo is going to look into the Local Roads Program Roads Scholar training program.

Materials that are used on the roads is very important – East Montpelier uses only good, expensive materials but the result is that it last longer.

- 4) Mo is going to call Mike Garand from East Montpelier to come to a meeting so we can ask questions and have a neighboring town's experiences for comparison.
- 5) Greg is going find us a good map to use – one we can mark up with speed limits, widths, and other information we collect or want to know.
- 6) Mo is going to send Cathy and Tim a copy of the report from Stephen Jerome, Local Roads Program that was done after an inspection of our roads with the Selectboard.

We adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm. Our **next meeting** is the third Monday in January - **January 16, 2012.**

Written by Cathy Kashanski