



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH
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**Minutes
Highway Planning Working Group
Monday, December 21, 2020
4:30 pm
Via ZOOM**

Members Present: Barbara Marchione
Chuck Loring
Mark Carson
Members Absent: Matt Wright
Others present: Mari Enoch, Town Administrator
Joe Poindexter, NM 5 Village News

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 pm. It was noted that the meeting is being recorded on Zoom.

Organize Committee

Chuck nominated Barbara Marchione to be Chair of the Working Group. Mark seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously that Barbara Marchione chair the Committee. Mari will take the minutes for the Committee.

Discuss Town Road Plan and Highway Equipment for Capital Planning purposes

Mari and Chuck prepared a three year road plan to begin the discussion. The draft plan prioritizes the roads that need major repair and as well as segments of dirt roads that need paving and/or drainage work. Using the data from the Pavement Assessment Plan, the roads that are in the worst condition and need major rehabilitation have been prioritized into a three year plan. There are 13 miles of road that need major rehabilitation, including Route 57. Route 57 was not included in the current draft plan as the Town intends to apply for another MassWorks grant at the next available opportunity. Mark noted that tree work was not yet included in the estimated repair costs. The next steps are to bring the Plan out to five years and add the roads that need minor repair to keep them from falling into the major repair category. Information on the yearly expense of maintaining the roads is also needed. Barbara noted that even when the plan is adopted it will need updating and revision every year. All agreed that it is critical to maintain the roads that are in good shape.

A brief discussion was held about Highway Equipment which will be looked at in more detail at the next meeting.

The next meeting was set for Monday, January 4th, 2022 at 4:30.

Barbara made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mark. It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 pm.

Submitted by,

Mari Enoch, Town Administrator