

WLLA Road Committee Report November 16, 2019

The WLLA Road Committee met on November 13, 2019 at 12:30 pm in the WLLA Conference Room.

Attendees: Michael DeVita, Darlene Challacombe and John Weber. Board Member Janice DeMaio asked before the meeting if she could ask some questions on issues that concerned her. Michael invited her to stay for the meeting.

Snow Season Related

Winter Response - Empire State Excavating spread the roads at 4 a.m. on November 12, 2019. Rain had changed to snow and temperatures were dropping fast with change for icy pavement we took a proactive approach for safety reasons and spread materials based on the forecast with the possibility for the wet roads to freeze.

Winter Materials – We will look to have the two loads of anti-skid delivered (BOD approved Oct 2019 meeting) soon. We don't need rock salt right now but depending on weather we may need another load or two later in this season. We are monitoring usage and will have it available if and when needed. We also try to limit salt usage for both water wells and lake reasons.

Snow Plow Contract - The two year snow plow contract ends on April 15, 2020. The Road Committee agreed Empire is doing a great job but we owe it to the community not only to get the best service but also the best possible price. We will solicit bids for new two year contract in May 2020. The Request for Proposal will be detailed on the level of service we currently are receiving from Empire/

Roads Priorities Spring – Summer 2020

Michael explained the necessary order of repairs

Must Do Items

Patch Potholes on Asphalt Road

Repair Gravel Roads

Tentative Items based on what happens to the roads

Pave Seminole from Maple to White Spruce – Tentative

Miscellaneous Pavement Repair on Asphalt Roads to be determined

Tar and Chip to be determined

Signs

Signage Upgrade and Handling of Speeding - Janice DeMaio asked if we could add speed limit signs; notification of entering Walker Lake signs and temporary removal for winter speed bumps in strategic places. After discussion, it was decided that the Road Committee will put together a propose plan during the course of the winter to present to the Board in the Spring.

Street Sign Repair - How to accomplish – Michael noted that we have several street name signs damaged or not broken off their post. Michael question was how to get these things repaired in a timely fashion. Michael suggested in the future when the current cleaning / handyman retires that WLLA look to hire a maintenance person that not only cleans the building and does handy work like the current employee but hire someone who will also go patch a bad pothole or fix a street sign as needed. For now John Weber said give him the list of signs and he will find volunteers to do fix them which is good but volunteers for these issues is not the solution for timely and safe repair in the long run plus finding volunteers is not that easy.

Road Drainage Issue

Ditches

The lack of drainage of roads is getting worst. How do we get the people to clean them out especially ones are only property? Suggested possibly adding a note in the assessment bills (not on the bill) but a notice to all those billed road assessments are responsible to keep drainage clean.

If landowners do not do so we will have to start cleaning these out by contract as this is a must to do as the growth on the side of the many roads along the ditches is higher than the road not allowing the water to properly and quickly leave the pavement. Plus it may cause ice issues in the winter. Doing this by contract on the future would necessitate a rise in the road assessments to cover the cost as this should not be taken from the road repairs themselves.

Drainage Inlets

Drainage inlets by clubhouse do not take any water (other than from the sky) and instead all the water runs down Walker Lake Road causing beach erosion as well as running on a landowners property. John Weber is looking into this.

Water Issues on to Property

Water running onto property from Roadway on Cree, Blackfoot and Walker Lake Rd, we will look for solutions.