

**SHARON SELECTBOARD
EMERGENCY MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, July 3, 2017**

Board Members Present: Mary Gavin (via telephone), Luke Pettengill, Kevin Gish
Staff Attending: Deb Jones, Finance Manager; Selectmen's Assistant, Margy Becker; Road Foreman, Tim Higgins; David Fisk, resident; Kevin Geiger, TRORC Emergency Coordinator

The Chair convened the meeting at 3:30pm.

Review of Damages from July 1st Thunderstorms:

Tim Higgins reported the worst damage was to Clifford Farm Road (washout) and to Downer Road (loss of travel lane from CCC pond to Star Mountain Road). Rte. 132 had shoulder loss and scour – some of which is underneath pavement and will require expertise and equipment to repair that the Town does not have. The Town will have to subcontract for repairs. Pavement cutting is involved. He is still documenting damages from roads throughout the Town.

Kevin Geiger reported that it is already apparent that more than \$1 million in damages have occurred in Windsor County, since Thetford alone is in excess of one million. It will not be known for a few more days what type of disaster declaration will be made by the Governor. He urged the Town to carefully document damages and to refrain from some types of repairs until FEMA (or State) personnel view the location.

Repairs to Downer Road were discussed. The road crew will perform the work.

The washout at the bottom of Clifford Farm Road may have been caused by an illegal culvert in the brook. It has not been determined whether the home-made culvert is within the ROW to Clifford Farm Road or on the former Benjamin Property. The parcel is now owned by NewVista. David Fisk, resident on Clifford Farm Road, further reported this is the second washout at the same location. He suggested a plan for realigning the bottom of Clifford Farm Road and for base repairs. He stated that with some assistance from the Town on repairs now, residents could move forward with long-term regular maintenance in the future. But the road remains impassable now, and needs attention.

Kevin Geiger reported FEMA would be very unlikely to pay for repairs to a Class 4 road, unless it could be clearly shown the Town regularly maintains it. The final agreement for emergency repairs was to contact Kenyon Construction for quarry tailings. They will be used to 'stiffen' the road in order to make it passable. **Motion by Kevin Gish to authorize emergency repairs to Clifford Farm Road not to exceed \$2,000. Mary Gavin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

It was agreed that the road crew would first repair Clifford Farm Road on July 5, followed by Downer Road July 5 – 6th.

Selectmen scheduled a special meeting for 3:30PM Thursday, July 6th, to continue to prioritize repairs. The checklist for road crew and town staff includes preparation of budget worksheets for repairs, contacting the Hall's (NewVista) regarding the illegal culvert, determining the ROW to Clifford Farm Road, following up with Ben Rose at VEMA – and contacting VTRANS District 4.

Adjournment: Motion by Mary Gavin to adjourn at 4:15pm. Kevin Gish seconded. The motion carried.

Submitted by,
Margy Becker, Selectboard Assistant