

**Sharon Selectboard
Emergency Meeting Minutes
July 11th, 2023 FINAL**

Participants attending via Zoom: Nicola Shipman, Selectboard Assistant; Mary Gavin, Selectboard Vice Chair; Kevin Gish, Selectboard Chair; Catherine (Cathy) Sartor, Town Clerk; Lucy Pierpont, Finance Manager

Attending via Phone: Frank Rogers, Road Foreman

1. Call to Order:

Kevin Gish called the meeting to order at 6:19PM

2. Review/Approve Agenda:

Mary Gavin made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Sarah Pfeiffer seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Flood Response

Kevin Gish thanked the Road Crew for all their work over the last 48 hours.

Kevin asked for the status of roads.

There are no roads closed in Sharon. Everything is passable. The worst damage was on Quimby Mountain Road and Route 132. Route 132 near the village has damage to the shoulder and some bank failure mid-way up the ledges on the brook side.

Quimby Mountain Road has about seven hundred plus feet along the edge of the road that has washed away. Two driveway culverts need to be upgraded to a minimum of 2ft to be functional. This is the third time that the same situation has happened at this location.

Mary Gavin asked if there is support for the driveway owners to upgrade culverts. Nicola Shipman will find out what is available.

Fay Brook Road had a culvert washed out. The brook needs to die down before work can be completed, the road is passable, and drivers can get by.

There are minor spots that will need to be addressed.

Two spots on Broad Brook that were washed out will need to go out to bid for permanent fixes as the damage is beyond the scope of the Road Crew's ability to fix the damage. ANR will need to issue permits for the in-stream work.

Frank said there were areas with damage, and the water flow was uncontrollable for about four hours. Frank said all roads are now passable and emergency services can get through.

Baxter Mountain Road needs a culvert cleaned out and material will need to go in around the Baxter Mountain Road and Karilyn Lane intersection.

Kevin Gish asked how we not do too much, but also get work done to make the roads safe for passage. Frank said he is hoping to finish Baxter Mountain Road tomorrow, and a few things are smaller items that need to be repaired, but the Road Crew can fix them quickly.

Cathy Sartor asked about communication flow moving forward.

Kevin asked that is important that information flows back to the Town. Nicola Shipman will create a flow chart for communication for within the municipality and with other organizations who may be coordinating alongside, such as the Fire Department.

Mary Gavin asked if there might be resources available in our Town that we can share with area Towns.

Kevin Gish asked how that works with Towns sharing resources. Frank thinks that it is a mutual aid scenario.

Nicola Shipman will find out how VLCT/PACIF recommends municipalities move forward so that Sharon can offer this kind of assistance if needed.

Regarding the upcoming forecast of rain and thunderstorms, Frank Rogers said the Town could manage 1" to 1 1/2" of rain, but if the rain gets in the range of 3-4" inches it could be difficult for the road infrastructure to handle.

Sarah Pfeiffer asked about resources. Frank just wants answers to questions about when he can fix the roads with more permanent solutions.

Cathy Sartor said there are Towns having problems getting issues to get materials. Frank Rogers agreed that there really are only two local resources, Twin State and Pike. Frank is not surprised that there might be challenges getting materials.

Adjourn

Mary Gavin made a motion to adjourn at 7:14 PM. Kevin Gish seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Nicola Shipman