

Minutes of a Meeting of Young Road Residents and Property Owners

Held on Thursday, June 30th at 6:00 p.m. 2005 at the Lithgow Library Conference Room in Augusta, Maine.

Pat Williams opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m... As facilitator of this meeting, Pat mentioned that the purpose of the meeting was to consider forming a road association for Young Road as the city of Augusta may not continue to maintain the road and if it does continue to do so then it is clear from prior public meetings with the City Council that only minimal maintenance (if any maintenance) will be provided and that improvements to the road will not be provided. Pat mentioned that a paper would be circulated during the meeting for names, addresses, telephone numbers and e mail address of folks attending. Others not yet notified would be contacted prior to the next meeting of Young Road property owners/residents. Discussion took place with concerns expressed for phosphorus in the lake and with knowledge that one of the biggest sources of phosphates is due to run off from the road and culverts which are in need of replacement. This run off of phosphates contributes greatly to poor water quality and algae blooms. It was mentioned that the Kennebec County Soil and Water Conservation District had matching funds available to address some of the major concerns (culvert replacement) but that the Young Road would need to have a road association in place in order to access funds which are available in a grant for the current fiscal year until late September. A proposal to the Soil and Water Conservation District must be submitted to them prior to the termination of the grant. Funding is available to address three (3) sites on the road which is an opportunity to install new culverts and improve the road surface on those three sites.

Dick Harvey reported on a road association which has been operating for nine (9) years for the Cunningham Road on Three Mile Pond. It appears that this association has been operating well and at this time all residents/land owners contribute \$200.00 each to provide for improvements and regular maintenance. Dick spoke to a Mr. Toby who is the contractor who provides the maintenance for Cunningham Road in order to obtain information/ball park figure/estimate to replace the three culverts on Young Road and in order to obtain specifications needed for the grant proposal. Questions were raised regarding why the city does not want to continue to maintain the road. Discussion ensued and folks offered their understanding of the issues for needing a road association. Question: Will we proceed to get easements from residents/land owners on the Young Road? Feeling of the group was that we would pursue getting easements to fulfill requests of the city in order to be considered for minimal maintenance and plowing of the road in winter and at the same time (separate effort) form a road association in order to assure that the road will be improved so that we may be in line to receive grants as available and to prevent soil erosion with subsequent phosphate loading of Togus Pond.

Dick Harvey and Pat Williams talked about a workshop that they attended last weekend in Belgrade regarding the formation of a road association. It was indicated in discussion that joining a road association is voluntary and that there is a need to keep it friendly. It was indicated that sometimes banks are hesitant to finance the purchase of a home on a private road if a road association does not exist. If a road association is formed then there

is a need to develop by-laws. In discussion, one person indicated a concern about having too many rules and regulations with a road association. This was discussed. It was mentioned that the climate in the state at this time is such that towns and cities may no longer continue to fund or maintain private roads such as the Young Road which is 1.1 miles long. One person indicated a concern about the potential cost for maintaining the road. City figures seem to indicate a cost of around \$200.00 per land owner and with 30 land owners that would amount to \$6000.00. The cost of plowing may not be reflected in the cost since maintenance and upgrades are needed but it is hoped that the city will continue plowing the road. Dick explained that money collected could be used in such a way to reserve some funds for plowing as needed. Discussion ensued about the cost to incorporate (if determined) as a road association if the association were to develop to that level as there is three types of road associations. It was discussed that incorporation could range from \$40.00 to file if not handled by a lawyer and up to \$500.00 if a lawyer were to handle the paperwork/application process. Dick shared a possible formula which might allow for differences between the assessment of year round residents and summer residents. Pat mentioned that he had talked to Logan and/or Mary Murray and that they seemed interested in the formation of a road association. One person remarked, "It is inevitable. We need to do this." In further discussion, one thought was that the road association might be concerned with the existing developed Young Road which ends just past the Smiley residence and that when the Young Road is developed by owners beyond that point then it (road beyond that point) be considered at a later time, discussion of this issue was deferred to the steering committee. It was suggested that each land owner on the Young Road be assessed \$200.00 per year in order to assure good maintenance of the road. The majority of folks at this meeting felt that an application should be submitted for grant funds in order to improve the road.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Jane Coryell and seconded by Dick Harvey to proceed to form a road association and to establish a volunteer group of folks to act as a steering committee. Discussion was held on the motion. After discussion, there was a majority vote by hands indicating the majority in favor of the motion. BE IT RESOLVED to form a road association and to establish a steering committee to develop by-laws and other documents needed to formalize a road association group. Voted/ motion passed.



The following individuals volunteered to be part of the steering committee: Ron Uecker, Dick Harvey, Jack Wilson, John Poor, Pat Williams, Sarah Fogg, Tom Renckens, Margaret McFadden, and Tom Deschaine. NOTE: The steering committee will meet at the home of Dick Harvey on Thursday, July 7th, 2005 at 6PM. Pat or Dick indicated that they would obtain additional books regarding forming a road association and several folks mentioned contacting friends who were members of road associations for a copy/ies of by-laws etc.). Pat mentioned that he (or a designee) would talk to Mr. Charest at the city (garage/city highway dept.) to make them aware that grant funds were being sought to replace culverts. The steering committee will need to recommend a slate of officers for the following to be voted upon at the next meeting of all residents which include the following positions: Treasurer, secretary, road commissioner (or some other title) and perhaps a clerk of works for road improvement project. It was indicated that the grant

proposal may include in kind contributions (labor etc) in lieu of cash for matching the grant/s applied for.

IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF ALL YOUNG ROAD RESIDENTS AND LAND OWNERS WOULD BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 28TH AT THE LITHGOW LIBRARY AT 6PM. PRIOR TO THIS MEETING THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL MEET TO PREPARE BY-LAWS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR FORMING OFFICIALLY THE YOUNG ROAD ASSOCIATION WHICH WILL NEED CONFIRMATION BY THOSE ATTENDING THIS MEETING.

This meeting adjourned around 7:05 p.m. (June 30th, 2005)

From the meeting notes of Tom Deschaine.

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Those in attendance: Val Wilson, Jack Wilson, Art Ritch, Dick Harvey, Betty Harvey, Tom Deschaine, Carlene Deschaine, Ken Black, Marlene Black, John Poor, Micki Poor, Ron Uecker, M.J. Uecker, Dean Smiley, Debbie Smiley, Les Mason, Sandra Mason, Barbara Veilheux, Suzanne Cusick, Margaret McFadden, Sarah Fogg Tom Renckens, Tim Ellis, Chelsea Ellis, Lauret Crommett, Greg Trask, Jane Coryell, Irma J. Wilhelm, and Pat Williams.

