

Young Road Association Annual Meeting
July 27, 2006
Held at the Lithgow Public Library Meeting Room, Augusta, ME

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Uecker. President Uecker introduced Jennifer McLean, Project Manager and Grant Writer for the Kennebec Soil & Water District who spoke to the membership on the "Health of Togus Pond". She reported on what had happened on the Young Road with improvements completed by individuals as well as the association which helps with water quality. She mentioned that she was satisfied with the work completed by the association (Tobey & Sons) and that 12 sites have been completed on the road to alleviate soil erosion. She mentioned other possible funding sources as the Soil & Water District no longer have grant funds at this time to assist with projects except for limited technical assistance such as a staff person making a visit to a property and advising folks what they might do to slow down/prevent erosion. Also, when funds for technical assistance are exhausted, then some of their staff are still available but at a cost of \$40.00 an hour for a visit/advice regarding ways to improve a waterfront lot in order to improve water quality. Federal grants may be available to a road association (or lake association) if they have non-profit status with IRS or if a road association or lake association were to partner with a town or city as municipalities are eligible for grants. She commented that she has been impressed with the work done by the residents of Young Road and the Road Association. President Uecker thanked Jennifer for her presentation and invited her to stay for the rest of the annual meeting.

The annual meeting proceeded (quorum). It was mentioned that Greg Trask had cut up a large tree near the end of the Young Road following a severe thunder storm and that the association wished to thank him and that the minutes of the annual meeting should reflect the appreciation of the group for his help which allowed electrical power to be restored and allowed folks to travel the road as the tree blocked passage near the Pomerleau's property. Also, Tim Ellis was thanked for planting a hosta plant at the road entrance near the stop sign.

The minutes of the annual meeting of July 28, 2005 (last annual meeting) was reviewed (copies distributed) by the membership present and accepted by acclamation (vote/pass).

The Treasurer's Report was distributed and presented by the Secretary of the Young Road Association, Tom Deschaine as the Treasurer, Jack (John) Wilson was unable to attend as he was out-of-state. Copies of his report were distributed to the membership. A discussion ensued when it was noticed that a number of folks do not belong and that some road projects may be delayed due to a lack of funds. Several members felt that a letter should be sent from the association asking them to join and to indicate if there might be a hardship for them to do so. Provisions exist in the bylaws for folks who are experiencing a hardship and who may be unable to pay association dues. Members felt that those who are not members should be encouraged to do so and that, if needed, another meeting or forum might need to be held. It was noted that the dues for membership of the Young Road Association are low (\$200.00 a year) in comparison to other road associations in the area. Sandra Mason volunteered to draft a letter of

encouragement for folks to join who have not done so thus far and to indicate hardship provision available if needed. She will work with President Ron Uecker and will get a rough draft to him in the near future. It was mentioned by a member that the more people who join means that dues can continue to be kept low. It was mentioned that annual membership dues are due at this time for the July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 fiscal year of the association. If not already made, payment would be appreciated. Please contact Jack Wilson, Treasurer at 623-8979 if you have questions.

By acclamation, the Treasurer's Report as presented was accepted by the membership in attendance. Vote/passed.

Road Commissioner John Poor reported on road improvements and plans for the future providing funds are available. He mentioned that the contractor who is doing road improvements for the association has been excellent and that he has waived some fees. Grading costs between \$600.00 and \$700.00 per grading. John thanked all who were available and who helped with removing brush /chipping in preparation for ditching by Tobey & Sons. At this time we're contracted for ditching and the cost will be \$3100.00. John mentioned the need for additional culverts in addition to one that is planned near Jane & Irma's house. There are three other sites where culverts, new gravel, and fabric are needed with an estimated cost of around \$13,600.00. Other than ditching planned for this year, other projects will need to wait until funds are available.

One member, Greg Trask, mentioned that he had equipment and that he is willing to spend 3 or 4 days completing some work needed on sections of the road such as ditching. John indicated that ~~his would~~ his help would be appreciated but that Greg will need to put a proposal in writing to him and provide a copy or letter showing that he has insurance to do such work- 1 million dollars in liability insurance. Greg mentioned that he would consider doing the work but that he felt he should not be expected to pay his annual dues if he were to do this work for the association. Greg also mentioned that he could replace a culvert near the Smiley's property.

John mentioned that the board had established a Maintenance Fund for road work and that contributions would be welcomed. One member responded that he felt that dues (adjusted as needed) should be taking care of this sort of thing rather than asking folks for additional funds.

By acclamation, John Poor's report was accepted. (Vote/passed).

President Ron indicated that all officers of the board had agreed to continue for another term of office. He called for nominations from the floor. No nominations were forthcoming. Therefore, he called for a vote by acclamation that the current officers be elected for another year until the next annual meeting in 2007. Motion/ Vote/passed. The officers will be as follows: **President-** Ron Uecker; **Treasurer-** Jack (John) Wilson; **Road Commissioner-** John Poor; **Members-at-Large-** Dick Harvey and Tom Renckens.

Dick Harvey reported on meetings that he had attended recently regarding improving roads. Ditching appears to be important to improving dirt roads and he mentioned that he had learned a great deal from meetings sponsored by the Water/Soil District. He reported on the purchase of a used road grader as approved by the board and the process that had taken place. A member, Dean Smiley has purchased the grader in joint ownership with the association. The Young Road Association will pay \$1000.00 a year for use/purchase of the grader over a period of 8 years. A legal document has been drafted/signed by board officers. Members at the meeting indicated their appreciation for the hard work that has been done by the board over the past year.

By acclamation, Dick Harvey's report was accepted by the membership. (Vote/passed).

There being no further business, the members attending were in agreement that the annual meeting for 2006 be adjourned. President Ron Uecker declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Thomas C. Deschaine, Secretary
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