

Town of Danville
Selectboard Minutes
October 29, 2020
Intersection of Water Andric and Trestle Road (8:30 am)

Board Members Present: Kellie Merrell and Henry Pearl

Board Members Absent: Ken Linsley, Eric Bach and Kristin Franson

Others Present: Audrey DeProspero, Keith Gadapee, Patrick Ross, Todd Palmieri and Mary Wyand

Meeting started at 8:41 am.

Patrick Ross, Steams Engineer from Vermont State Rivers Program first started the meeting off with a brief discussion of safety precautions related to COVID-19. He then discussed his position with the State.

Patrick Ross discussed the Water Andric snaking down through and up against the road. The river is getting back to its natural path creating significant conflicts. The road was a public road until it had been shut down. The Road Foreman has been actively fixing the area from debris jams and bringing in gravel to patch washed out areas. He noted he was present to listen and was guided by the state laws. He has to protect the river and stream however the Town has the right to the ROW (right of way) and road. Options are to make the road two dead end roads, throw it up or make it a trail. If the Town wants to repair the road, the question becomes, how we come up with a fix. He thought the Selectboard needed to make a decision to make the road resilient to high water. He wondered if the Selectboard wanted to spend resources here and suggested not to just band aid the area as it would only get them by for six months or so.

Kellie Merrell wondered what the big fix would cost.

Patrick Ross discussed bringing in heavy rock, two feet base rock, gravel and the need for a solid road bed. He noted the state cannot make the decision, the Town needs to make an informal decision then come to the state with decision so the state can navigate final product.

Kellie Merrell discussed stream moving and the possible effect of the moving water upstream or downstream and causing a problem.

Patrick Ross discussed impact of road on stream noting the water will go into the road but it is how strong the road is determines how it handles the water. The current area is a flood plain. He did not think fixing the road wouldn't change the dynamic of the water.

Patrick Ross discussed other areas where towns did a land swap with landowners to give river more area to not impact the road.

Patrick Ross noted the area was always going to be a maintenance issue regardless of whether the road was fixed or not.

Mary Wyand was concerned for land locking her property if the road was not fixed.

Attendees walked the area to view the water and the road.

Meeting ended at 10:11 am.

Minutes taken by Audrey DeProspero submitted October 29, 2020 at 11:10 am.