

## WLLA Road Committee Report

January 16, 2021

The Road Committee met on January 12, 2021, via Zoom. Attendees: John Weber, Janice DiMaio, Darlene Challcombe, Ed Zimmermann, William McCarthy, and Michael DeVita. No absentees.

### Winter Operations

- We still have some regular rock salt and anti-skid mix left and will use at the appropriate times.
- We received 25.6 ton of the new more environmentally friendly ClearLane salt (green in color) at cost of \$2,867.20. We have not used any and will try it at the appropriate times.
- We did **NOT** yet order the two new loads of anti-skid that the BOD approved. We will not order until needed but are prepared and approved to do so.

### Gravel Roads

- Discussed at length the bids and the importance of doing the work correctly for the storm damage caused by the heavy rains during Christmas storm that caused significant erosion on some roads off Birch.
  - Contactor bids submitted.
  - Gravel Road Construction and Maintenance Guide 2015.
    - The importance of having a proper crown in road.
    - Important for correct equipment to be used.
- Based on the discussions and weighing of the pros and cons the Road Committee unanimously made the following recommendations to the WLLA Board of Directors:
  - Recommend to award Empire State Excavating a contract in the amount of \$9,400 (\$8,800 for the road storm damage repairs and improvements and \$600 to put install a new 12" culvert pipe at Erie and Birch). While Warner Paving and Excavating's bid for the road repair and install the new culvert pipe was \$1,620 less than Empire at \$7,780, Warner would be using a bulldozer and paver to lay down the new stone material. Empire will use a grader and has shown the operator skill to ensure a crown is put into the roadway or proper drainage of the road. The third requested bidder Catmando, LLC looked at the project, spoke to Michael DeVita after looking at the project and said he would put in a bid. However, after waiting a day past when he said he would have it in, Michael called him, and he did not answer or respond to the message that was left. Also, an email to his daughter, as Bob from Catmando directed, has gone unanswered.
  - Recommend adding six inches of stone material where needed for improvement and repairs of the storm damaged areas. WLLA will directly purchase the material from Springbrook quarry to avoid mark-up by the contractor and control of the material we receive. This comes out to about 336 ton of material at a cost of about \$4,700 or less.
  - Recommend that Warner Paving and Excavating be awarded a contract in the amount of \$2,265 to clean and improve the ditch line of Birch (left side heading from Walker Lake Road) from Cree to Pawnee and a small portion of Pawnee. Empire State Excavating bid on this was \$5,200. Again, Catmando, LLC said he would submit a bid but did not.

### Asphalt Roads

- Discussed tentative which asphalt roads to repair and improvement in the Spring 2021.
  - Plan to acquire bids for both paving, and chip and seal for areas to compare merits of which would be better for Walker Lake at this time.
  - Look into hot crack sealing several areas of roads to extend pavement life.

## **Gravel Road Regrading 2020 Proposal of Neversink between Birch and Maple Woods.**

- This item was discussed at the January 12, 2021, Road Committee Meeting.
- This item remains on hold to the Spring of 2021 at which time we will continue to work with the two resident landowners to find an affordable solution to fix the continual erosion problem of this road.
  - From the 9/19/20 report: On the evening of 9/17/20, Michael held a Zoom meeting with owners of 119 and 116 Neversink and RJ from Empire State Excavating to share information and brain storm for a possible affordable fix to end the continual erosion problem on Neversink off of Birch to the woods towards Maple). This road has needed to be repaired continually the past couple of years and once again has erosion issues since erosion repairs were made after Tropical Storm Isaias. An onsite meeting with the two homeowners along with RJ will be set up.
  - From 7/18/20 report: Michael have been communicating with the owners of 119 Neversink and 116 Neversink about repairing the portion of this road (Neversink from Birch to woods towards Maple) properly to stop the continual roadway erosion. The owners are involved because there may be a need to put culvert pipes under their driveways which they would be responsible for the cost. No final plan or decision has been made as this in the planning stages. This road continually washes out and to continue to put "band-aid" repairs is just wasting money.
  - From 6/20/2020 report: Neversink Road between Birch Road and the woods towards Maple Drive will need additional work this summer. The roadway is very narrow and the drainage is non-existent on the middle portion of the roadway. The sides of the roadway are already washing out with the few rain storms we received since June 5, 2020.

## **Signs at Walker Lake Entrance Points**

- Discussed the sign design proof received from the sign company.
  - The Road Committee approved the sign as designed.
  - Signs were ordered on January 14, 2021, at total cost of \$624.39 which is \$24.39 more than the Board approved at the June 2020 Board meeting.
    - Michael DeVita paid for signs and is to be reimbursed upon presenting voucher and invoice.
    - Signs scheduled to arrive between January 20 and 22, 2021. They will be delivered to the Walker Lake office.

## **Roadside Drainage**

- Michael created a form for Ditch and Culvert Remediation Notification
- On December 30, 2020, Michael submitted a Ditch and Culvert Remediation Notification form to the WLLA office for the ditch along 101 Onandaga Road that was washed out and causing eroded rocks and soil from the owner's property to run onto the roadway.
  - Michael spoke to owner's daughter who had their contractor call him.
  - Michael explained and sent pictures to contractor on what had to be done to rectify the situation.
  - All work was completed, except for the eroded material being removed from Onandaga as this has temporarily froze to the asphalt pavement. Contractor agreed to clean up when weather gets warmer and no material is no longer frozen.
  - Michael will continue to observe and make sure it is done when the weather breaks.
- Darlene asked who can submit a Ditch and Culvert Remediation Notification form.
  - Since this is a big task for the entire community all Road Committee members will be able to prepare a form for submission. A training will be held to properly understand what needs remediation and how the form should be completed.
  - Road Committee will establish a quick review process and a system to log notifications and track progress.
  - Road Committee will also establish a policy of how WLLA will proceed cleaning out areas not done by landowners, therefore causing them to be billed for the contractor services and admin fee of \$50.

- Once policy is written and approved by Road Committee, it will be shared with other appropriate committees as needed, then presented to the BOD for approval.
- John has spoken to one of the Shohola Township Supervisors about possible ditch cleaning remedies within Walker Lake.
  - Discussion included if it was possible to rent the township machine and operator to blow the leaves out of ditches.
    - Waiting to hear back from supervisor.
  - Discussion including possibly using fire department to blow out culvert pipes with their fire hose.
    - Ed said this has been tried before and since it was just high-pressure water it just packed the pipe more solid.
    - Ed and Michael briefly explained the use of a jet-rodder which has a special nozzle that not only spray high-pressure water but is made to allow water to propel itself through the dirt while back washing the dirt out of the pipe, where the dirt then sucked up by a vacuum truck.
- Leaf Mulching Program as suggested by and discussed briefly by Bill Boehme at the November BOD meeting
  - Based on direction at that BOD meeting Michael followed up with Empire State Excavating if it were possible to have use of a leaf vacuum mulcher truck to start a leaf mulching program that landowners could opt into a cost.
    - Yes, it is possible.
  - Carol Gillen shared via email all the lots WLLA owns with Bill and Michael shortly after the November meeting.
  - This will be on hold until Spring when Bill and Michael will work out a few more details to discuss the feasibility of recommending such a program to the BOD.

## **Speed Bumps**

- Speed Bump or Not to Speed Bump, that was the question.
  - Considered and discussed temporary speed bumps.
    - Ed shared experiences used temporary speed bumps at his place of employment and that they would not be a good idea.
      - It was decided not to go with temporary speed bumps.
- Ed brought up the idea of possibly installing “speed humps.”
  - Ed shared a link for FHWA information on speed humps via email to all road committee members.
  - Road Committee will investigate the use of these to reduce the speed in certain areas especially Birch and Lakeshore.