

Roads Work Group
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Old Jail Conference Room
125 E. Court St, Ithaca, NY
January 12, 2011
Draft notes

Attendees:

Don Barber – Town of Caroline
Roy Barriere – Town of Enfield
Ric Dietrich, Kathy Halton, Laura Shawley, Carl Seamon – Town of Danby
Richard Driscoll – Town of Newfield
Herb Engman – Town of Ithaca
Darby Kiley – TC Planning

The Towns provided updates as follows:

Town of Caroline

Driveway permit – no fee as long as a contractor from the County's Approved Contractor list is used (if not, then there will be a fee).

Culverts – the landowners buy the culvert, based on consultation with Soil and Water Conservation District, and hire an approved contractor to install it.

Have not yet discussed road rebuilding.

Town of Enfield

Driveway permit - \$25

Culverts – landowner purchases, Town Highway Department installs
(Permit application includes culvert and driveway/entrance paving)

Town of Danby

No driveway permit for single-family homes

Culverts – Carl advises on what the landowner should buy and the Highway Department installs it.

Working on a draft driveway/culvert permit application that includes five classes with different fees and deposits for each.

Waiting for Local Law from Delta – expected in next few weeks.

Town of Newfield

Town currently installs culverts.

Richard is looking for information so he could participate in a technical discussion with his highway superintendent about culverts, specifically "do culverts that are carrying many industrial truck loads need to be buried deeper or have thicker walls than those used for residential driveways?"

Town of Ithaca

No fee has been set yet under the Road Excavation and Construction Local Law.

The group questioned what happens if existing culvert pipes (that cross under a road) cannot handle weight and are damaged. Don will follow-up with Lynne Irwin (Cornell Local Roads Program).

The next meeting is scheduled for February 28 at 2:00 at the Courthouse 2nd Floor Conference Room. Don plans to invite Legislators Kiefer and Lane, Ed Marx, and Jonathan Wood in order to discuss the County's draft local law.

Meeting follow-up:

Driveway permit fees in other municipalities:

Tompkins County – ranges from \$25-\$750 (they have a Permit Fee Work Sheet)

Town of Lansing - \$50 (\$1,000 security deposit)

Town of Lockport - \$50

Town of Rush – Temporary access, underground boring, work in r-o-w \$80; Road cut \$300; Security deposit: boring/pushing/tunneling \$2,500; Open cut shoulder to road \$1,200; Open cut pavement \$3,000

On January 13, Darby spoke with Ethan Cohen from the Sullivan County Planning and Environmental Management Department. The County is not as involved with the municipalities as they were a year or so ago. A multi-municipality task force was formed and led in initiating road assessments and policy with Delta. Delta is presenting to the task force tonight (1/13/11). The County legislature has not done anything associated with roads

On January 14, Darby spoke with Terry Bliss from the Otsego County Planning Department. From their website:

Otsego County has hired Delta Engineers of Endwell, NY to develop a Multi-Jurisdictional Road Preservation Program. By County Board Resolution adopted on September 1, 2010, Delta will perform services for the county and its network of roads. Municipalities may join the program by signing an Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) with the county.

The Southern Tier East Region Planning Development Board (STE) is a partner in the county's road preservation program. STE may be able to provide data collection services on behalf of municipalities at no charge, thus reducing the cost to municipalities to retain services from Delta.

To this date, the following Municipalities have joined the Delta Program:

Town of Cherry Valley, Town of Middlefield, Town of Unadilla, and City of Oneonta

And more info at <http://www.otsegocounty.com/depts/pln/RoadPreservation.htm>

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