

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Highway Committee on January 10, 2022
(this meeting was correctly posted)

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of quorum
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes: 10-4-2021 & 11-1-2021
5. Public input
6. Report on Current Projects
7. Request for “reduced speed ahead” on Hill Road: ref MUTCD
8. Placement of Material in Ditch: 2199 Hill Road
9. Correspondence
10. Future meetings
11. Adjourn

Committee Chair Dale Stewart called the meeting to order at 8:02am. Committee members Janet Johnson, Kim Maedke-Shumway, Walter Kalms, and Bill Surbaugh were present along with Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell and 2 members of the public via teleconference (Zoom). Committee member Jay Olson was excused.

Surbaugh moved, Johnson second to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 5-0.

Johnson moved, Shumway second to approve the 10-4-21 minutes as presented. Carried 5-0.

Shumway moved, Surbaugh second to approve the 11-1-21 minutes as presented. Carried 5-0.

Public Input – None.

Current Projects – Kalms reported the crew continues to prepare for spring roadwork when not moving snow. Garrett Bay, Post office parking lot, Grasse Lane and Woodcrest are scheduled to be paved. Surbaugh requested the intersections of Garrett Bay and Highway 42 and Beach Road and Highway 42 be evaluated for brush work, especially when looking to the north.

Hill Road speed signs – Kalms reported that the request for “reduced speed ahead” signs has been received from Carl Madsen. Stewart confirmed the number of signs is consistent in both travel directions. Carl Madsen, Sister Bay, stated the current signage is not adequate for westbound traffic at the 35mph and 25mph areas and he is waiting for speed data from the Sheriff. It was noted that additional signage may not positively change driving behaviors, there may not be enough space to ensure the signs are placed at appropriate distances. DOT has indicated people travel based on conditions regardless of signs present. **Johnson moved, Shumway second** to place a “reduced speed sign limit ahead” between the current 45mph and 35 mph signs. Motion failed 0-4-1 (Surbaugh abstained).

Materials in Ditch at 2199 Hill Road – Kalms reported Carl Madsen requested material be added after paving increased the height of roadway and the Town denied the request because this was not a driveway at the time of paving. A pile of gravel has appeared at this location and when it was requested to be removed, it was instead leveled and now appears to be a driveway. Carl Madsen, Sister Bay, indicated the gravel was dumped to create a safe entry into his field and it was leveled after materials were added to his 2165 Hill Rd driveway. Kalms noted since materials are present in a location which didn’t previously have materials and it is being used for access, a driveway permit is required. Mr. Madsen can apply for a driveway permit or citations will be issued for violation of the Town ordinance and the Town will remove the materials.

Correspondence – Several mailbox issues have been received.

The next Highway meeting will be Monday, February 7, 2022 at 8:00am via Zoom.

Johnson moved, Kalms second to adjourn at 9:12am. Carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the 2/7/2022 Highway Committee meeting.