



**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES - OFFICIAL
Emergency Meeting
Monday, August 27, 2018
5:00 PM
Council Chambers**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sullivan called the meeting of 8/27/18 to order at 5:01pm.

2. PROOF OF POSTING

Town Administrator, Dr. Dean E. Shankle, Jr., provided proof of posting.

3. ROLL CALL (# 1) - PUBLIC SESSION

In attendance:

Chairman James Sullivan and Councilors Donald Winterton, John Giotas, James Levesque, Robert Duhaime, and David Ross.

Missed: Councilors Tim Tsantoulis, Alex Walczyk and John Durand.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. GMI Paving Contract – Hackett Hill Road

Dr. Shankle: We are meeting tonight at the request of some Councilors who are concerned about how the paving is being done on Hackett Hill Road. Diane Boyce (Public Works Director), Alex Cote (Town contracted engineering company Keach-Nordstrom) and GMI (contracted paving company believe the paving is being done fine.

Councilor Duhaime: I requested this meeting tonight. A couple of citizens contacted Councilor Levesque over the weekend that no tack was being applied and pavement was coming loose. The shim coast came loose and we are worried the pavement will slide down the hill.

Councilor Duhaime: I was at the site this morning at 7:00am and there was no Town supervision of the site; no Town trucks.

Alex Cote (Keach-Nordstrom): I was at the site since 6:35am this morning.

Councilor Duhaime: Where the road tilts toward the cemetery, I thought it would be grounded more than tacked. The left hand side going up the road has not been repaired. I went to see Diane Boyce, Public Works Director, after seeing these issues.

Diane Boyce (Public Works Director): Crew Chief Tommy Bartula was at the site at 6:35am too today.

Dr. Shankle: There were concerns by Councilors Duhaime and Levesque and we met with representatives from the Town prior to your last Town Council meeting. That meeting produced a Change Order at your (Council) 08/22/18 meeting.

Councilor Duhaime: At this previous meeting, Councilor Levesque and I thought these issues would be handled. Thursday morning it had rained the night before and they were paving Cross Road when the roadway was still wet. Then there is the issue of tack. Now here we are meeting again, because the road has proceeded to fall apart. If the shim is not put on correctly that is what we were afraid of; the paving coming apart. In Councilor Levesque's district, he received calls on these issues.

Councilor Levesque: From the West side of Hackett Hill Road, past Cross Road to South Bow Road and at my house (106 Hackett Hill Road) there is no tack. At Jan's Dog Grooming on Hackett Hill Road for the shim coat, that was tacked. I checked there and even small pieces wouldn't come up. Hollis Cate, Roger Duhaime and Chris Stelmach said they have no tack in their area. In the winter it will come apart with water getting in there. Test plugs along are questionable. The side of the road is the main concern for tack. I did see the engineer (Alex Cote) out there this morning and spoke to Tom (Crew Chief Tommy Bartula).

Diane Boyce (Public Works Director): I have Public Works employee Jamie King here. Even though no one saw the tack truck, Jamie monitored the site before Alex Cote (Keach-Nordstrom).

Jamie King (Public Works employee): I saw the top of Cross Road at the center line and they (GMI) put tack down on both sides. Tack is in streams and that comes down before the shim coat.

Councilor Levesque: When did you see them put down tack?

Jamie King (Public Works employee): At the Cross Road intersection coming up the first sharp corner. They were putting tack on Hackett Hill Road; direction Pike toward Manchester.

Councilor Levesque: I am concerned on the odd # side of the street. You (Jamie) would have seen even # side of the street (east side of the road).

Jamie King (Public Works employee): I wasn't there for the even # side of the street.

Councilor Levesque: Odd # is the east side coming up.

Jamie King (Public Works employee): I talked to the tack truck operator and asked if the tack was heated and he said "yes at 350 degrees".

Councilor Duhaime: You (Jamie) said they didn't turn around. Did they tack the center line then the side by backing up?

Jamie King (Public Works employee): Yes.

Warren Colby (General Manager and Owner – GMI Asphalt): We ran a tack wagon on Hackett Hill Road. For the first 3 hours we ran tack and I was there today. Robert (Councilor Duhaime) you have had something out for us, since our first meeting. If the tack is dragged by vehicles or equipment it may look like the tack was not done. It takes 15-30 minutes to tack and then the paving truck is behind. We had to do 1 ½ of milling due to tire ruts. A 4 ft. x 4 ft. area unraveled and we mill trimmed, shimmed again and paved. We do 225,000 tons of jobs per year. I have never done anything unethical – ever. I have been doing this type of work since I was 14 years old. My patience is wearing thin. I think a couple of people in this room tonight work for other contractors who did not get this bid and I want this noted.

Councilor Winterton: I appreciate your passion and concern in your business. My goal is to contract for a \$1,000,000 roadway project and to have a road that will last for what we expect it to last. What happens if the road fails? Is there something in our contract to protect us?

Warren Colby (General Manager and Owner – GMI Asphalt): We have contracted with the Town for a mill and fill contract. Sliding pavement can be fixed. Cracks or heaves are mother-nature. We are afraid to get down to gravel due to tire ruts.

Councilor Winterton: If you encountered things like you are saying you found on Hackett Hill Road, because someone didn't building it right in the past?

Warren Colby (General Manager and Owner – GMI Asphalt): I thought you would have dug test spots, before contracting with us. Grandview area was a profiled road. I do State work all the time. I cut out and redid the area (Councilor) Levesque was concerned about.

Councilor Levesque: I don't care who got the contract. I know you wouldn't cut corners, but I think someone forgot to put down tack. I was plenty of tack this morning. The right (East) side, away from I-93, has a final coat.

Warren Colby (General Manager and Owner – GMI Asphalt): The repair work was only a tack patch; mix in patch, roller and retacked. Too much tack will bleed through causing winter icing.

Councilor Giotas: Councilor Levesque, was there another section besides what they fixed today that is still an issue?

Councilor Levesque: Yes, cemetery to Cross Road maybe even South Bow Road.

Warren Colby (General Manager and Owner – GMI Asphalt): A foot by 6", tomorrow 5 ft. x 5 ft.. Frost pushes water. I said I would pull cores for density, compaction and thickness, but cores won't show tack.

Councilor Ross: The areas of road that is rutted, where your milling machine hit gravel, I would pull cores on those road to determine mill, reclaim or box-out for future bids.

Warren Colby (General Manager and Owner – GMI Asphalt): On Grandview we had two Change Orders or shoulders and gravels.

Councilor Ross: It should be an even shot at the work (RFP) and the best price for people. Multiple Change Orders may have opened it (RFP) to other bidders. Would anything have happened if you didn't get complaints?

Warren Colby (General Manager and Owner – GMI Asphalt): We have 5-7 year contracts, test pits, shoulders, etc.

Councilor Ross: What happened here?

Warren Colby (General Manager and Owner – GMI Asphalt): Our contract with the Town is a paving contract not a rebuild. A rebuild of roadways in Town is 10x more money. We put equipment out at our own cost to scrape the shoulders down.

Councilor Ross: We didn't do what we should have done (core).

Dr. Shankle: We have a paving contract not a rebuild.

Chair Sullivan: We have had one Change Order on this project. Are Change Orders common?

Warren Colby (General Manager and Owner – GMI Asphalt): On this project you had an addition to the contract not a Change Order. You should have graveled the shoulders in advance to protect the road.

Councilor Duhaime: At our previous meeting it was a rain issue, overgrinding and you ran into gravel that caused the Change Order (8/22/18 Council Meeting). I don't want to have to repave Hackett Hill Road, because it didn't take.

Councilor Winterton: The last time Warren Colby (General Manager and Owner – GMI Asphalt) was here was not for a Council meeting.

Roger Duhaime, 19 Saw Hill Road, Hooksett, NH: I live in this paving project area. Two weeks ago I was driving down Cross Road. There were no Town employees on the road monitoring the GMI paving. I thought coring should be done and that would show the tack. Now Jamie (King – Public Works employee) was out there at Cross Road. Why are we (residents) finding problems with this paving project vs. the Town finding them. Pavement, if not tacked, will peel up. It didn't get milled properly. Why he (Warren Colby) did the extra shoulder work? Because I told him he should due to water drainage issues. I am no paving expert. I know we have a new Town Engineer coming and request we put this paving project on hold for his review. I didn't see any supervision (Town) on site this morning.

Warren Colby (General Manager and Owner – GMI Asphalt): It is common to hire a contract engineer to monitor a project like this (i.e. Stantec).

Roger Duhaime: A milling machine is so heavy.

Warren Colby (General Manager and Owner – GMI Asphalt): 12.5 top + put down in 1". The last time Hackett Hill Road was down was 10 years ago.

Alex Cote (contract engineer Keach-Nordstrom): I was there this morning at 6:35am. The Town employee was on the other end. Tom (Crew Chief Tommy Bartula) took over for me today, so I could come here to this meeting. Cross Road is done and they are almost up to South Bow Road. Warren Colby was not aware of the two areas needing repair until I marked them out last Friday.

Chair Sullivan: Do you review the next day after they (GMI) have completed a section?

Alex Cote (contract engineer Keach-Nordstrom): Yes, I review the next day. Nothing to address the ditches; just milling and paving.

Dr. Shankle: How much more paving do they need to do to complete the project?

Diane Boyce (Public Works Director): Hackett Hill Road is the only road left to do. They have already completed Zappora, Grandview and Roy.

Warren Colby (General Manager and Owner – GMI Asphalt): Tom (Crew Chief Tommy Bartula) will need to address the bottom of Roy Road. Hackett Hill Road will have issues with the shoulders during downpours.

Councilor Ross: After paving you will do these shoulders?

Warren Colby (General Manager and Owner – GMI Asphalt): Yes.

Diane Boyce (Public Works Director): The bid went out in March 2018. Morrill Road and Prescott Heights have had issues due to downpours this Summer.

Councilor Winterton: My expectation is that everyone is doing the best they can within the contract. I don't expect to vote on anything tonight and move to adjourn.

6. OTHER

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

D. Winteron motioned to adjourn the public session of 08/27/18 at 6:18pm. Seconded by J. Giotas. Vote unanimously in favor (6-0).

NOTE: The town website may have attachments to these Town Council minutes for documents referred to in the minutes, reading file materials, and/or ancillary documents that the Town Council has signed as agent to expend as a result of the Council's prior approval of the documents.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Fitzpatrick
Recording Clerk