

**Public Works Meeting
Feb 21, 2012**

Present: Brad Lambert, Larry Fontaine, Richard DeMott, George Ehlinger, Kevin Aldridge, Ed Evans, David Poore

Absent: Ken Smock

Call to order: Vice Chair Brad Lambert called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Approval of the minutes of Jan 17, 2012: Minutes were unanimously accepted (moved by Larry Fontaine, second by George Ehlinger).

Adoption of the agenda: The agenda was adopted (moved by George Ehlinger, second by Larry Fontaine).

OLD BUSINESS

Peregrine well easement / land swap

Ed Evans reported that Mr. Andre (owner of three lots of interest) will be visiting Seven Devils in late March/early April to view Town owned lots for a possible land swap. Mr. Andre seemed interested in Town lots on Bridle Path just before well #4. If Mr. Andre agrees the Town can finally begin movement toward establishing the Peregrine well as part of the Town's water supply system. **OPEN**

Sewer line maps

Ed Evans reported that maps should be delivered next week. **OPEN**

Tree Issues for Public Works

Legal opinion – Ed Evans reported that in his opinion based on other towns actions NCGS 160A-296 gave the Town the right for Public Safety tree trimming. **CLOSED**

ROW Trimming Status - Kevin Aldridge reported that weather has slowed trimming efforts but reminded us that approximately 2/3 of the identified foliage trimming requirements have been met. Ed Evans continues to work with BREMCO for tree removals that exceed the safe parameters of our Public Works.

OPEN

NEW BUSINESS

Town acceptance of roads in the Lakes Community

Mr. Nick Bennett, President Lakes Community POA, submitted a letter asking us to explore ways to meet Town requirements for taking over the roads in the Lakes Community. There was a lively discussion concerning how the Town could bring the private Lakes Community roads into the Town system without encountering a significant Town financial obligation.

David Poore, Town Engineer, presented his evaluation of the road conditions in the Lakes Community. There are approximately 5,775 feet (a little over a mile) of paved roads; all roads are 18 feet wide; there are insufficient turn areas at the end of dead end roads; cost estimate to repair areas of pavement distress is \$114,800; cost to re-surface 1.5 inches of new asphalt over all roads is \$105,000. Total cost to bring the roads into Town standards would be \$225,000 to \$250,000.

Consensus opinion was that the Lakes Community POA would have to provide the \$250,000 to the Town for the required road work to be completed under the direction of the Town Engineer; the POA funds would also provide for a plat of the current state of the Lakes Community; when the roads became Town roads, the Lakes Community POA would permit access to the two lakes to all citizens of Seven Devils; the Town would accept the current width of roads, shoulders, and ROW as depicted on the aforementioned plat; the Town would accept the current limited turnarounds; and all work completed prior to Town acceptance of the dedication of Lakes Community roads.

The Committee decided to have Brad Lambert present the proposed response to Mr. Bennett to the Town Council at their March meeting for approval. **OPEN**

Committee Membership

The Town Council is requested to approve the following membership of the PWC:

George Ehlinger as a 3 year member

Richard DeMott as a 3 year member

Yardy Williams as a 2 year member

Ken Smock as a 1 year member

Larry Fontaine as a member from the Town Council

Brad Lambert as a member from the Town Council

CLOSED

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 (moved by George Ehlinger, second by Larry Fontaine). Members agreed unanimously.