

Starksboro Selectboard Special Meeting
Minutes of 6/24/19
Unapproved

Board members present: Koran Cousino, Eric Cota, Keegan Tierney, Tony Porter
Unable to attend: Nancy Boss

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm by Chair Koran Cousino.

Koran submitted a letter from Road Foreman Tom Estey, who was unable to attend, about the status of Hinesburg Hollow Road. Tom is requesting that the Selectboard authorize the paving of Hinesburg Hollow Road this summer due to an unusually harsh winter/spring for town roads. Hinesburg Hollow Road experienced excessive break up from numerous freeze and thaw events this past winter. Tom provided a quote from D&F paving, the same company doing the State's Prison Hollow work, to pave a shim and wear coat on Hinesburg Hollow Road for \$60,000.

Keegan asked about the risk of not paving HHR this year. Tony indicated that it would be very costly to cold patch all the holes this summer and the patches would not withstand winter plowing. Tony also mentioned that if a plow hits a large pothole, the Town may have to invest quite a bit of money to repair our truck and plow frame. Koran reminded the board about a couple complaints received this past winter about damage to personal vehicles traveling on Hinesburg Hollow Road. The last item mentioned was the fact that, in its current state, plowing won't be as effective in removing snow, so it would take a lot more salt to burn off the snow and make it safe to travel.

Motion: Keegan made a motion to use \$60,000 from the Emergency Reserve Fund to pave a shim and wear coat on Hinesburg Hollow Road, following the unanticipated and excessive pavement deterioration this past winter. The \$60,000 will be paid back from the Paving Reserve Fund as soon as possible and before paying the Post Office and Town Office parking lots. Eric Cota seconded.

Motion carried.

[Road Foreman Job Search Announcement](#)

The Selectboard is pleased to announce the hiring of Tony Porter as new Road Foreman. The board will now begin the hiring process to replace Tony Porter as a road crew member.

Motion to adjourn at 6:19 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Koran Cousino