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MINUTES
12/10/2025

Chairman Michael Martin called the meeting to order 4:00
Members present Mat Morton, Pete Gove
Administrative Assistant Kristina Hooper
Town Hall – Grange Room
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Mat made a motion to accept meeting minutes of 10/15/2025. Pete seconded-motion passed unanimously.

Pete made a motion to approve the Annual Report. Mat seconded-motion passed unanimously.

Discussion took place regarding 1177 Main Street. This is just preliminary and Planning Board is looking for input. Item #1 Mike and Mat agree there is no need for sidewalks for 3 houses. Pete would like to know where the savings will go if the developer doesn't need to spend on sidewalk, will they install more trees/landscaping on the 3 properties, will they donate some to the town to install trees somewhere else or improve an area for the community. #2. Pete is not for it as the developer is not meeting any other requirements. They are requesting the road to be narrower, longer, smaller cul-de-sac, steeper grade, there just isn't the room this project requires. The Board would like to understand the reason behind the 600'. Why is this a requirement? #3-6 Mike, Pete and Mat are all in strong agreement these should not be waived as they are safety items. Should a gathering happen and people park along the narrow street no emergency vehicles could pass, there is no room for snow along cul-de-sac or extra parking, wouldn't be an easy plow. Mat and Pete have both plowed for the Town and with grade waivers, stopping during snow and ice before slipping into Main Street is a concern. Some other items to consider if this moves forward, there shows no country drainage and HOA responsibility and where would a fire cistern fit? Kristina will share these recommendations, comments, and concerns with Planning Board.

Winter operations are going well, salt buckets have been delivered, we sent out a few friendly reminders to residents reminding them snow cannot be plowed into or across the road per anti littering bylaw. Babin has been retained for the shoveling and ice melt again this year at the Town Hall and Library. David is happy with their performance. The library had a concern that was addressed. The Board would like all snow related concerns to filter through them or David as we are responsible for the snow budget. As far as sidewalk snow removal, we don't have the manpower or equipment to handle snow removal on sidewalks. No one on the Board wants to move forward to requesting a bylaw requiring residents to clear in front of their homes. Some residents have 100+ feet, are older or don't have the funds to pay someone. Kristina asked Jason if sidewalks would bring liability to the Town if not cleared of snow. His response was no and trying to make residents responsible through a bylaw never goes well in his experience, but would help the Road Commission draft something should they want to.

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair, 49-57 French Court has a potential buyer who would like to request Roads allow a turn around be moved from it's current location away from their residence so they won't have the lights of snowplows or back up beeping of trucks interrupting them at night and for general privacy reasons. It's current location for the turn around is in their front yard in close proximity to the front door. They would like to propose to move it, at their cost 100-300' down closer to the start of 52 French Court being mindful of wetlands, walls, and the culvert. Should the perspective buyer purchase

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the property and move the turn around they would sign paperwork acknowledging the property is the Town's and will hold no liability to the Town for snow removal or such. Originally a gate and no trespassing signs were proposed, they have scaled back to moving the turn around. Should Roads agree, they will move forward with other necessary Boards. Pete would like to see this put to an official vote at the next meeting but as general discussion was not in agreement with moving the turn around, Mike and Mat agree and are not in favor of supporting a change to the turn around. Kristina will put it on the next meeting agenda.

Mat made a motion to close the meeting at 5:15pm. Pete seconded-Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Hooper
Dunstable Highway
Administrative Assistant

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