

TOWN HALL MONTHLY: August

High summer in Acworth. The year's projects are in progress or scheduled. Select Board meetings feel to be taking place in an orderly manner. We rely on all of you to let us know if there is anything we are missing. Please keep in touch.

The paving of Cold Pond Road we voted for at Town Meeting has been in progress. The vote was for a shim coat. While not a permanent fix of the road surface, it is what we can afford at this time. Even during the project the price of asphalt has been increasing. Thanks to thoughtful use of materials by our contractor, Springfield Paving and our Road Agent, Colin Crosby, we expect to complete the project within budget and squeeze in a repair to the intersection of Cold Pond and Hill Roads at the Library.

Next up will be the reconstruction of Derry Hill Road. Highway Department Jenn Bland's schedule shows road reclamation will begin August 3, dirt work August 17 and paving in September/October. We are looking toward project completion in November. We've waited a long time for this.

Cold River Bridges is our contractor for repairs to the Grout Hill Bridge. Scouring under the bridge proved more extensive than originally estimated. Because work on this takes place over the water the Department of Environmental Services (DES) required a Shoreland permit which is in progress. Work will continue once that is received.

Other projects moving quietly along are the Forest Road Bridge which is overseen by the State Bridge Program, Thayer Brook Road which is in the wetlands permitting phase with DES and in the scope of work phase with help from Fuzzy Brothers and M&W Soils, and lastly Crane Brook Road on which Jenn Bland continues to develop a scope of work which will meet FEMA requirements.

The Planning Board is working on updates to our Zoning Ordinance which will go before the voters at the March Town Meeting. The Conservation Commission is working on the grant funded assessment of and recommendations for the east Acworth Wetlands including the portion of Keyes Hollow Road which has been submerged by Davis Brook's altered course.

There's plenty to follow and to join. For more information about meetings and events please check Town bulletin boards or our website.

See you soon, Kathi