

Town of Milton  
Board of Selectmen's Workshop Meeting  
April 3, 2018  
Milton Town Hall

**Board of Selectmen Attendance:** Chairman Ryan Thibeault, Vice-Chair Erin Hutchings, Andy Rawson, Interim Town Administrator David Owen.

**Staff Attendance:** DPW Director Pat Smith; DPW Foreman Butch Nason.

**Other Attendance:** Jeffrey Clifton, Project Engineer and Robert Saunders, Senior Project Engineer, Underwood Engineers.

**Public Attendance:** None

R. Thibeault convened the meeting at 4:00 PM. The meeting was for the purpose of discussing the proposed plans for the improvement of the Silver Street, Dawson Street, and Route 125 intersections and related drainage, sidewalks, and municipal parking improvements.

R. Saunders of Underwood Engineers distributed their plans for the proposed improvements, and described how NHDOT installed a large culvert when Route 125 was originally constructed, but that many drainage structures have been connected to it over the years, and it has been buried under layers of fill materials. The current situation has led to episodic flooding downtown, like that which occurred in February. In addition to replacing and enlarging the drainage structures that lead to Route 125 from Dawson and Silver Streets, the project would involve reconfiguring the intersections of these streets with Route 125, reconstructing the sidewalks in the project area, and providing about 10 off-street parking spaces, plus 2 handicapped parking spaces. He estimates the cost of the project to be about \$1 million.

The Board discussed how such a large project could possibly be financed, especially when the Town's entire Road Reconstruction budget is only \$325,000 per year. D. Owen suggested that the Town pursue funding for the project through NHDOT's Municipally Managed Projects program, in which the State funds two-thirds of the cost of approved projects, with the municipality being responsible to raise the other one-third of project costs. He described how the Town of Wolfeboro had successfully used the Municipally Managed Projects program for both its Middleton Road Reconstruction Project and the currently ongoing Center Street (Route 28) Reconstruction Project, the latter of which contains a lot of drainage structures improvements, similar to the proposed Silver Street/Dawson Street/ Route 125 project.

It was agreed that the Town and its Engineers will seek funding for the project through NHDOT's Municipally Managed Project program, and that it will take most of the next year for the engineers to do more investigatory work, to refine its project design, and to talk to NHDOT about funding the project.

In an unrelated matter, R. Thibeault informed the Board members that MRI reported to him that they have 3 strong candidates for the Board to interview for the Town Administrator position, plus 2 other candidates with strong leadership skills. The Board agreed to interview 4 candidates, the 3 strong candidates plus the strongest of the 2 other candidates.

E. Hutchings moved to adjourn the meeting, R. Thibeault seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

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Chairman Ryan Thibeault

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Erin Hutchings

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Andy Rawson