

**Selectmen Minutes**  
**Date: February 24, 2021**

**OPEN MEETING:** *Dick opened meeting at 4:30pm*

**ATTENDANCE:** *Dick, Richard P, Jon, Sue, Bisi-LCnews, Diane Edwards, Stephanie Gallagher, Bud Lewis*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** *no public comment*

**ACCEPT MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:** *RP accept minutes from last meeting as submitted, Jon second.  
The motion, no further discussion, all in favor, so moved.*

**APPROVE WARRANT: 5** *Richard P motion to approve warrant 5 as submitted, Jon second the motion,  
No further discussion, all in favor, so moved.*

**SIGN WARRANT: 4**—*All Selectmen signed W4.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Upper Cross Road-Diane Edwards & 2 Others (packets handed out)--** *Stephanie started the conversation referring to a letter Diane submitted to the Selectmen and how they would like to see what work for everyone is there. Diane got estimates from Matt Benner and Hagar which were high. Jon York always seemed to fix it for us. He did a great job. Dale: yes, he did but it is town money keeps getting put into it and that is solving the problem.*

**Diane** *discussed about her proposals being very high and having to cut into other people's property on the road and we do not want to do that and some of the people on the road do not want that either. The road is a high traveled road and used all year.*

**Dick:** *he said you do not need to use the section of the road that is the issue. You can get to your houses via E Neck Rd and W Neck Ed. We can just shut the road down come March. This is a seasonal road and we do not have to maintain it. This road was brought to the town for a vote and the town voted it down. We had the army corps of engineers involved and willing to help at that time. Stephanie: Why can't we try it again, Kieve uses it a lot too! Diane said we really need it fixed. People like to bike on the road too. Dick: as I mentioned before the Town will be closing that road down. There was another concern with the residents about the response time for the Fire Dept if the road was closed?*

**Richard P:** *we received the 2 estimated with no scope of work you want done. You said you would like the road fixed, passable, and not so extensive but you do not have an estimate for that? This would have to be put on a petition and then as an article in our warrant to be voted on by the town. Stephanie: we are here to get the road fixed and we want to be good neighbors. Diane: we got 47 signatures of residents that agree it need to be fixed. Dick: As I said before you both have an alternate way to get out. You do not have to go on the part of the road that is bad, & fixing it lightly is not reasonable. There is a swamp, and the road is at swamp level. The road needs to be built up. We need engineers involved, Dep permits, and the Army Corp of Engineers this is a big project. Dale: The road does need a lot of work and it would have to be built up 3 feet to slop correctly to have water shed off of it and yes permitting. Dick: asked Bud if he were just sitting in or would like to contribute to the meeting?*

**Bud:** *I was around when the vote went to the town and it was actually the first chance, we had to do something about the road. The Army Corp of Engineers was involved, and funds were the to help out, but the article did not pass. Bud said he would be willing to look and see if there is any money out there to help us, grants? He also said he would contact the Army Corp of Engineers to see what they think. Dick: Bud if you want to look into this more and see if there is any funding/grants out there then yes please go ahead. Also, if you are willing to talk with Army Corp that would be good too. We can't promise anything, but it won't hurt to look into it. Stephanie and Diane thanked Bud for taking this on and how they appreciated it. Diane and Stephanie thanked everyone for listening and they will wait to hear from Bud,*

- **Selectmen to sign Warrant Articles to be posted.**—*Signed by Selectmen*

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

- **Richard P** wanted to discuss the town valuation and accurate valuations. Valuations are driven by the huge real estate sales. **Dick:** there is nothing we can do now. He spoke with Frank about changing the tables. There is a formula he goes by and you can't just change it. We will look over the next year or two once things have settled down, sales wise and look at the tables. We may have to think about having a new valuation done but that is quite a hefty expense.
- **Richard** also talked about Tidewater putting high speed internet starting from Tidewater across Back Meadow Rd and run the complete length of E Neck Rd.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **ADJOURNED: Dick motion to adjourn at 5:18pm, so moved**

DATES TO REMEMBER: Selectmen's Meeting- Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 pm  
Public Hearing-March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm  
Town Meeting-March 19<sup>th</sup> 12-6:00pm