Middlesex Town Road Committee ---- DRAFT-----

March 19,2026

Present:

Zara Vincent
Eric Metivier
Dexter Lefavour
Guest: Colin Marshall

By Zoom:

Sandy Levine
Hilton Dier
Paul Cerminera
Marianne Mullen
Scott Gurley
Guest: Bill Pries

5:02 pm: Hilton Moved and Eric seconded the approval of the minutes from 11/20/25. All were in favor and minutes were approved.

Eric moved and Hilton seconded approval of the proposed agenda for 3/19/26 with addition of Mesh discussion. All were in favor.

5:05 Team Fix:

Eric reported winter went well. Town still has 2-3 projects from 2023 and 4 from 2024 to complete: Lower Sunnybrook, McCullough, Daniel's farm, Old Brook, Bolduc, French and Norton. New engineer working on plans and RFP's forthcoming in spring. Discussion of Root Ball that needs to be removed by Carol Picards' home on Brook. Colin volunteered to get in touch to ask permission to remove that. Eric and crew will not do work but will work to find volunteers to remove it safely before any new storms.

Discussion of open house that FIT put on had 8-10 visitors. Hope for new buildings to house the 2 new vehicles being purchased over the next few years.

Bill Pries asked about culvert crawlers. Mayla has a list and we are working on getting her maps. She has about 38 volunteers to monitor culverts.

Next meeting let's focus on future and town plan for April meeting as well as funding.

5:14 Team Future

Eric and Zara met with Keith regarding culverts this week. Keith from CVRPC is trying to make deals to buy culverts in bulk and make a plan with Eric of which outdated culverts should be replaced first, with an eye on our worst mud season areas. Culverts on lower Shady Rill will be replaced this summer so that paving can be done in summer 2027.

5:20 Team Funding

FEMA wrapping up 12 million from feds last 3.2 million over 4 projects released to state including 1.2 million Brook Rd 2024. Once we get 1 million, we can pay off the final loan and

then claim/get paid back for interest. Putting pressure on reps we are working with to wrap all prior projects by June. Any grants seen please send along for consideration.

5:23 Team Friends:

Hilton presented the MESH communications system. Colin has prior knowledge of this system. Discussion of cost, feasibility, sightline. A way to communicate via satellite when Wi-Fi and electricity are down. Further research and case studies for places with terrain like us could be investigated. Discussion of Bernie grant funding due April 3 – should we go for it. Discussion of sending Brook Road / Mike Kline info for consideration as it is farther along? Will look into both and Becca and Peter funds.

Discussion around frost heaves, doing a social media reach out = Mud Season tips and SLOW DOWN messaging.

Eric moved to adjourn, Dexter seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:53.

Next meeting is Thursday, April 16, 5:00 pm, Town Hall.