Town of Middlesex
Road Committee Regular Meeting
Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2026

Attending:

Zara Vincent, Sandy Levine, Eric Metivier, *Hilton Dier III, *Dexter Lefavour, *Marianne Mullen (* via zoom)

5:01 Call to Order:

- Motion to approve minutes removing the extra "b" from Cubbon from July 20,2026 made by Sandy Levine, seconded by Dexter LeFavour, and approved by all attending.
- Motion to approve the Agenda for August 20,2026 motion made by Eric Metivier, seconded by Dexter LeFavour, and approved by all attending.

5:02: Team Future:

- 5 year culvert replacement starts next year 2027 according to Eric. Some may need to be shuffled or moved to make sure Shady Rill culverts are done before paving next year.
- Budget committee has plan and costs for culverts to help with financial planning.
- Keith already found best pricing from Johnson Hardware.
- Dexter asked in French drain was part of plan? Culverts only so far. Exploring French drains was recommended for next step.
- Dexter feels the Road committee was formed to address mud roads and we should be more aggressive with that purpose and plan more repairs.
- Zara reports she has had conversations with Eric and Paul about hiring out some of these projects to do them faster or taking on seasonal help. Will look into with budget committee.
- Hilton asked if there are any grants available for those fixes? Hazard mitigation for the most flood prone areas?
- We don't have an answer. We do get the better roads grant each year.
- Zara states new TA will be helpful for finding and applying to grants.
- Sandy suggests that as we create that budget we let town people know where/ when improvements will be made, and that will go far with the voters and support for these improvement projects.
- Dexter asks if there are any other capitol improvements planned with budget committee
- Zara states we are 2 month in to our fiscal year and will be starting to plan the next fiscal year in 2 more months
- Marianne points out with the new hire of the Town administrator coming on and the new budget year being planned. We can ask TA to look for funding for these

projects like additional labor, culvert prices and other improvements like French drains.

- Zara agrees and notes that Eric plans to do ditching projects around culvert replacements and can create a list of where extra mud mitigation could be helpful.
- Dexter asked how many sites were on the list, did they match bad culvert areas?
- Zara suggested it should all be incorporated into the five year plan.
- Marianne voiced her strong support for the idea of incorporating more crew for seasonal work into the budget.
- Dexter would like to see more capitol improvements on our roads.

5:14 Team Fix

- Eric reported that Lower Sunny Brook has 18' x 40' culverts going in now. Guardrails will be installed around Labor Day.
- Norton will be completed next. A squash culvert is being installed. (oval not round).
- Eric is meeting with Geotech guys tomorrow about Old Brook and Daniel's Farm Bridge drawings for ANR.

5:17 Team Funding:

- Eric says the paving grant is not out yet but hoping to get that for Shady Rill next year.
- Eric says there is a bridge & structures grant for fixing Wood rd. bridge next spring (2027) the head wall, the abutment walls are starting to undermine, so they have to do some concrete work.
- BRIC grant was followed up on. We were told it is with FEMA. No idea how long.
- There is a Brook Rd forum planned by CVRPC on October 13, 2026 from 6:30-8pm to discuss the future of the Great Brook and mitigation with a segment on housing along the Brook and planning for potential future displacement. it's an opportunity for folks to learn from some of the people who study this and know about it, and then get some ideas from the community. Sandy will be posting on FPF, and inviting Brook Rd residents via email.

5:21 Team Friends:

- Sandy to do Brook rd. outreach materials and post on FPF. Zara will copy/paste to Nextdoor and FB Middlesex Families.
- Zara to do road construction updates on Socials.
- Marianne suggests we start planting seeds on socials like seasonal help and other things we want to do so voters can understand the benefits.
- Zara agrees she wants to communicate the positive forward movement more.

- Sandy asked if signs had gone up around school as discussion point.
- Discussion of ongoing sign stealing in town which is costly and costs our crew time and energy they could be putting elsewhere.
- Discussion on weather Road committee needs to meet monthly. Added to Sept agenda.

5:30 Call for motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Eric, seconded by Sandy. All in favor. Adjourned.