

**TOWN OF LINCOLN - TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**With: Forest County Highway Commissioner & Highway Committee**  
**At the Forest County Highway Department Facility**  
**June 10, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman, Lynne Black at 8:30am at the Forest County Highway Facility. (This meeting was a meeting of the Forest County Highway Committee and the Town Board was in attendance to jointly review documentation regarding Harbor Lane and CTH W Culverts/ Water Issues). Present were: Lynne Black, and Larry Sommer Town Board Members. Also present were: Bill Anderson (Forest County Highway Commissioner), David Campbell, Ron Karl and Mike Miller (Highway Committee Members) Chris Collier, (Trout Unlimited, Great Lakes Stream Restoration Manager) and Ed Quade.

On a motion by Black, second by Sommer and all in favor, the agenda for the meeting was approved.

Discussion took place in regard to a meeting held a year ago with the Highway Committee on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 where we all conferred about a July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting between Town of Lincoln Officials, Highway Commissioner Anderson and Jon Simonsen with the DNR in regard to water elevations, culvert capacities & placement, water flow & restrictions at the (Lake Lucerne) Harbor Lane and CTH W Location and documentation presented by Simonsen was discussed and reviewed and funding options were considered.

**New Discussion that followed in regard to what has transpired since that time:**

- 5-20-20 – Chris Collier’s email to Mr. Anderson in regard to the completion of preliminary designs for the Lake Lucerne/Swamp Creek crossing at Highway W. He attached the 30% design (which included a rough cost estimate) to his email for Mr. Anderson’s review. He stated that once an agreement was reached in regard to the design and direction of the project, then they could start discussing creating a project agreement that would include finalizing the design and determining how the project could include cost-share from TU.
- 06-02-20 – Chris Collier’s email to Mr. Anderson addressing the 30% designs for the Lake Lucerne Outlet at County Hwy W crossing. At that time, Mr. Collier stats: “all TU is working on design wise, is the crossing at Highway W. We believe that fixing this crossing is the first step in addressing the problems at Harbor Lane. That being said, we can be out at the Harbor Lane crossing this fall to create a design plan that could be used once the W crossing is replaced.” Chris thought the priority should be determining how we want to proceed with the Highway W crossing. The Design plans created by TU that show the County W culvert placement to be too high, were reviewed.

The Town Board addressed these issues as stated by Mr. Collier, and the fact that the Town’s Culverts are failing because of the water being held back at County W. We pointed out that In our meetings with Jon Simonsen (DNR) in 2019 when he viewed the situation at the Harbor Lane inlet, he was also of the opinion that “the water level upstream and downstream of the culverts appeared to be the same, so in that flow scenario, a bigger culvert does not suck out the water or let the water drain any faster, as it is the downstream channel characteristics that are driving the flow capacity.”

The Highway Commissioner and Highway Committee felt that due to the fact that Harbor Lane has sunk approximately 8” above the culverts and looks like it could fail at any point, and they

didn't feel that it could wait another season for replacement, therefore, they felt that the decaying state of the culverts at Harbor Lane should be addressed first.

Safety issues were also discussed, as the water permeation to the ground above the culverts has been saturated for well over a year and this has compromised the integrity of the pavement, consequently, if the culverts were to "Wash Out" on their own, this could possibly cause a fateful accident.

Larry Sommer mentioned the option of pulling the culverts at Harbor Lane as soon as practicable to relieve the stress that the high-water levels is causing for some with basement flooding.

**Options were discussed for immediate pulling of culverts at Harbor Lane:**

- **50% Funding match by Forest County (per State Statute)**
- **Bill Anderson to check on this Statute and the requirements and get information to Chairperson Black, so the Town can Petition Forest County for the necessary emergency funding (50% match).**
- **Temporary Emergency Road Abandonment through the DNR**
- **Lynne to Contact the DNR for recommendations and permit requirements**

Lynne mentioned that she is not opposed to moving forward with the pulling and possible replacement of culverts on Harbor Lane as long as the Highway Committee would give the Board some reassurances that once the work has been completed at Harbor Lane, then the lowering of the Culvert on County W would proceed (as suggested by the preliminary Engineering Designs through TU) as to not cause the NEW Harbor Lane Culverts (if replaced) to fail again. **The Highway Committee agreed.**

Chris Collier mentioned that this fall they should know more about some grants that they applied for, and if they are successful in obtaining those grant funds that the Construction Costs for the Lowering of the Culvert on County W, would be high on the list for receiving some assistance.

At this time the Town Board proceeded to the Harbor Lane location to view the current state of the road with Chris Collier.

Motion by Sommer, second by Black with all voting Aye, to proceed with the options as highlighted above for pulling of the Harbor Lane Culverts, Investigation of 50% funding match by Forest County and petitioning of said funding, and the Temporary Emergency Road Abandonment, Permitting and Engineering (if required) through the DNR. Chris will email Jon Simonsen (with cc to Lynne Black) to inform him of the details of today's meeting. Lynne to contact Jon regarding recommendations, permitting, options and moving forward.

On a motion by Sommer, second by Black and all in favor, meeting adjourned, 10:10am.

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Lynne M. Black, Chairwoman

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Ryan Wilson, Supervisor

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Larry Sommer, Supervisor

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Tressa Votis, Clerk/Treasurer