

Answer to email from Jamie Gould's highlighted sections of 1-22-25 Zoning Board meeting.

Section 3.h.iv.2.

"She [Cathy Lucas (120 New Road)] expressed concern about the safety of the road during mud season. She said the road often gets bad enough to stop a car or cause a car to slide off the side."

Ms. Lucas mentions a car stopping or sliding during mud conditions.

I agree that is possible. There will be a slimy top and at times ruts to the road.

Section 3.h.v.1.

"Mr. Harriman explained that he is also opposed to the school because of the condition of the road during mud season. He described a sharp curve that is not wide enough for two cars to go in opposite directions. He believes increased traffic and people unfamiliar with the road would increase the likelihood of an accident there."

Mr. Harriman is concerned with the width of the road in the corner.

I measured road travel surface snowbank to snowbank at 18ft.

Section 3.h.v.2.

"Mr. Bowman added that he saw a plow truck in the ditch at that corner this year."

Mr. Bowman saw a stuck plow truck.

Yes, trucks do become stuck.

Section 3.j.iii.

"Mr. O'Brien agreed that noise wouldn't likely be an issue, but was concerned about the condition of the road and the effect this could have on property values."

Mr. O'Brien is concerned about road condition vs. property values.

This is a question for the assessor.

Section 3.j.vi.

"Mr. Evans felt that getting approval from the Road Agent was enough to not worry about the roads. There was discussion about how bad a dirt road can get in mud season."

Mr. Evans is concerned about how bad the road can get during mud season.

Valid and highway works to keep all dirt roads open and passable during this season.

Section 3.j.xiv.

“There was more discussion about the safety of the roads. The Board decided they would like more details from the Road Agent about why the extra traffic wouldn’t affect safety.”

The Board is concerned about traffic.

Traffic counts are trending down.

Year	Traffic Count
2001	324
2016	350
2019	310
2022	290

Section 3.j.xvii.3.

“Additional information from the Road Agent about the sharp curve on the road, the condition of the road during mud season, and how that could affect operation of passenger cars.”

The Board questions the sharp corner.

If they are talking about the corner at mailbox #123. The travel way is 18 ft snowbank to snowbank. Moving the mailbox to the west side of the driveway will give a visual widening.

As to the conditions during mud season.

I would expect a slimy top at times with some rutting forming along with soft areas. Highway adds stone, sand/stone mixture as needed to keep passable. The road will not be pavement hard and slow travel is expected. New Road has a long mud season as the east end lets out 1st and the section east of Scales Road lets out last in town.

Thank you,

Submitted by Donald O’Connor Road Agent

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