



**Roads & Bridges Committee**  
**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Thursday, February 22, 2018 ~ 4:00 pm  
112 Algonquin Road

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Public Comments
3. [Vote] Minutes January 18, 2018
4. Discussion Items
  - 4.1 2018 Road Program
  - 4.2 Snow & Ice Service
5. Adjournment

Chairman: Brian Cecola

**NOTICE AS POSTED**



## ROADS & BRIDGES COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

112 Algonquin Road, Barrington Hills

January 18, 2018 | 4:00 pm

Committee Members Present: Trustee Brian Cecola, Chair  
Trustee Michelle Nagy Maison, Member  
Anna Paul, Acting Director of Administration  
Steve Cieslica, Village Engineer

Others Present: Linda Cools

#### **1. ORGANIZATIONAL:**

The meeting of the Village of Barrington Hills Roads & Bridges Committee was called to order by Chairman Cecola at 4:03 PM.

#### **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS BY**

Linda Cools

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OCTOBER 19, 2017**

The Roads & Bridges Committee approved the minutes from October 19, 2017 Roads & Bridges Committee Meeting.

#### **4.1 SNOW & ICE SERVICE:**

Trustee Cecola noted that the Cuba Township Road District has been very busy. We have not had any reported major issues.

#### **4.2 LONGMEADOW PARKWAY - PRE-CONSTRUCTION NOTICE**

Cieslica reported that Trotter attended the LMP pre-con meeting. He reviewed the memo included in the packet. Tree cutting will be complete by the first week in February. Trotter will continue to follow the construction schedule.

#### **4.3 2018 ROAD PROGRAM**

Cieslica reviewed the expectations of the Village in regards to the 2018 Road Program. They reviewed the materials they have acquired from the planning done by the previous engineers.

Cieslica asked various questions of the committee, specifically he reviewed various safety additions that could be considered. Trustee Maison encouraged Trotter to review the program with a fresh set of eyes and to continue making recommendations.

Trustee Cecola requested that Trotter review the Roads and make a recommendation of roads to be resurfaced at the next Roads & Bridges Meeting.

**5. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public Comments are submitted by the public and are not reviewed or endorsed by the Village.

To: Brian Cecola, Chairman Roads & Bridges, Trustee Michelle Maison, Liason  
Cc: Anna Paul

Linda H. Cools, Village Resident Advocate/Barrington Hills

Dear Chairman Cecola:

Last meeting, I spoke about my experience waiting on multiple FOIA quests, one of the specific items I requested was a copy of the most recent snowplowing contract with Aspen that took double the number of days than the usual five day allowance. I also asked this committee why village contracts aren't placed online?, these are after all public documents! It was stated by Ms. Paul that vendors don't want it published, I ask since when do we acquiesce to them! We elected you to represent our interests not theirs.

Today, I come with a copy of the most recent village contract with me, which I have read with great care a number of times. (PAUSE) I would like to hand out a copy this time to the Liaisons/Chair at the conclusion of my remarks.

Chairman Cecola you asked me last time, "why I wanted to see a copy of the contract", my answer was I was curious. No, I gave you a too polite answer, the answer is because I wanted to confirm my beliefs that this latest contract is no different than the older version I had read prior to this. To be honest, I was very troubled that the Village staff would commit the village to such terms, let alone sign a contract drafted in this manner. So I want you to read this contract carefully, and tell me if you would have signed this contract at the next BOT meeting. There are easily over twenty points or questions that one can identify as poorly worded, loosely interpreted or overages that were initialed by the former and current Administrator and no one thought it a problem. Chairman Cecola you said that you do not individually get immersed into the contract review process. May I recommend that it's long overdue that all Trustees, in particular, you and your liasion become intimately familiar with the wording and structural components in contracts that involve your specific area of Roads. Residents are really very troubled that this contract as written did not represent the villages' best interests. I, personally, would have never agreed to a great majority of these items that favor Aspen. Much of the contract requires clarification in multiple categories. And the contract should be done in an outline form.

I have heard the phrase stated many a time, "that's always the way we have done it", and along with so many village residents am telling you that you need to take the time to study what is being approved in your name as our Chairman of Roads well as in the village's. It's really a question of being accountable to us, the residents who supported you in the last election. That support remains, however all we are asking is the same from you in terms of contract construction going forward and greater transparency and accountability in these matters.

The final remark I have is that I am very disappointed why a intentional decision was made to just record merely my post name along with the comments I made at the January meeting were not included, summarized, and posted as part of your minutes. I am asking that they be reinstated. It really seems that when you post meeting minutes and make an hollow overture to have public comment included, you should commit yourself to allowing other citizens to read what I said good or bad during my three minutes. You will tell me of course that you are not obligated to post them, and I will tell you that I reject that statement. No agenda links are included on the topics that you will discussing today, like snow/ice service or Road the 2018 program, so again I am placed at a disadvantage from commenting on them as well.

Hopefully, this will stir up a conversation that should have occurred a long time ago about changing this process of contract design and approval regardless of what administration was at the helm.

Sincerely,

Linda H. Cools, Village Resident Advocate/Barrington Hills

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