

**East Kingston Planning Board**  
**Notes from Meeting June 26, 1991 5:00 p.m.**  
**East Kingston Town Offices**

**Attendance:** Ray Donald, Selectmen's Representative to Planning Board; Richard Smith, Planning Board Chairman; Edwin MacArthur, Civil Consultants (Town Engineer); Paul Demers, Civil Consultants; Bob Rossi, Town Road Agent; Marshall Decker, MarDec, Inc.; William Williamson, Town & Country Paving, Rowley, Ma.; Joe Stanley, Town & Country; Sarah Campbell, Rockingham Planning Commission.

Sarah Campbell stated that the reason for the meeting is to pursue a course of action to rectify the situation on Brandywine Road per Ed MacArthur's suggestion in his June 11th letter and Marshall Decker's agreement with the suggestion in his June 13th letter.

Both the Town Engineer and the Town Road Agent disagree with Mr. Decker's assertion that the road is acceptable as is. Mr. Donald stated that there is no confidence level regarding the road because the gravel base of the last 500' was never inspected. He further stated that correct construction of the road is not only in the best interest of the Town, but also in the best interest of Mr. Decker because if it does not meet requirements, then either Mr. Decker will own the road forever, or a long term performance bond will be required.

It was noted that Civil Consultants inspected the first 900' (of the first 1,000' of road) of bank run gravel in place on or about October 16, 1990 and found it to be satisfactory. They did not inspect the process gravel prior to paving on the last 500'. Frank Wilson indicated on June 1, 1991 that no major activity was planned in the near future and that he would call Civil Consultants before proceeding.

Concerns still remain about the last 100' of bank run gravel and the process gravel, grading, and base coat of pavement on the entire 1,000'.

Mr. Donald asked Ed MacArthur if a core drill could give an adequate indication of whether what is in place is acceptable. He responded, yes. It was agreed that three patches (approx 1 1/2' x 1 1/2') would be dug, in the last 500' of the 1,000' in place, at Marshall Decker's expense. The patches will be dug tentatively on Wednesday, July 3rd and must be witnessed by Civil Consultants. Mr. Decker will contact Civil Consultants and Bob Rossi at least one day in advance to notify them of the time. The location of the patches will be at the discretion of Civil Consultants; one should be located on the last 100' (of the 1,000') where the bank run gravel was not inspected.

Mr. Donald stated that, if the bank run gravel, the process gravel, and the base coat of pavement are acceptable, then there is no problem. If one of the three holes is bad, then Mr. Decker may choose to dig more holes. If two holes show that the bank run and process gravel are acceptable and they cannot find a third that shows that they are acceptable, then that sets up an entirely new scenario. If it is determined that the gravel is acceptable, then the next step is to pursue a course of action to bring the pavement up to Town standards. Mr. MacArthur recommended that Mr. Decker plan to be on site when the patches are dug because he is uncertain as to what they might find and Mr. Decker may have some options and decisions to make. Mr. MacArthur thought that all the holes could be dug and replaced in one day.

Mr. Decker stated that if the subgrade is okay, and the problem is in the base coat of hot top, then it can be made up in the wear coarse of pavement. Mr. MacArthur said NO, it cannot be made up in the wear coarse, but one option that might be discussed

could be shimming prior to wear coarse. The paving contractors are willing to shim the base coat.

Mr. Decker stated that he will be constructing the road in 500' segments in order to avoid having to bond it.

Mr. Decker stated that, regarding the first 500', the only thing left to do is to bring the process gravel up and finish the shoulders with loam. Everything else, including landscaping and construction of a fire pond, has been done. He would like to have the bond released. Mr. Demers stated that Dick Jones had called him last week and said that he wanted to complete the shoulders. Mr. Demers asked him for a sieve test and Mr. Jones said that he would bring a 10-yard load down and leave it for Paul to look at. Mr. Demers requested that Mr. Decker ask Mr. Jones for a sieve analysis of the loam to be used for the shoulders on the first 500'.

Mr. Donald stressed the importance of Mr. Decker keeping the Town and its engineers informed throughout the construction process.

Notes prepared by Sarah Campbell, Rockingham Planning Commission.