

Colebrook Roads – General

Oct. 18, 1869 The town changed its road personnel once again. Now they appoint a five-man committee to oversee the work done by the contractors.\

Town Meetings, vol. 2, p. 148

Jan. 11, 1875 At a special town meeting, the voters were asked to consider discontinuing the highway between the residence of Delfield Parret and the place now occupied by the widow of the late James Whipple. *[This was the foot of the original Beech Hill Road in the northwestern section of Colebrook River.]*

Oct. 4, 1875 At the annual town meeting it was voted that the selectmen be instructed to cause the brush and other obstructions be removed from the highways.

Town Meetings, vol. 2, p. 206

Sept. 24, 1877 At a town meeting it was voted that the selectmen be instructed to keep the roads open and passable in the winter.

Town Meetings, vol. 2, p. 208

Oct. 2, 1878 At a town meeting it was voted to limit the selectmen to an expenditure not exceeding twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) for the ordinary repair of roads.

Town Meetings, vol.2, p. 217

Oct. 7, 1878 At a town meeting a motion was made by Lucian O. Bass that Augustus Tyler be allowed ten dollars for extra work on the roads in 1874. (In consequence of a freshlet [flood]).

It was also voted that the vote last year instructing the selectmen “to keep the roads open and passable in the winter” be repealed. The voters directed that the selectmen keep the mail route roads open during the winter, and the expenses thereof be in addition to the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) Voted for roads at our annual town meeting held Oct. 7, 1878.

Town Meetings, vol. 2, p. 219-220

Oct. 13, 1879 At an adjourned town meeting, it was voted on a motion of L. O. Bass that a vote of thanks be given by the town to all those who shoveled snow and helped to break out roads last winter without making charges for such services. The names of the public-spirited gentlemen are Solomon Sackett and Wesley C. Root.

Town Meetings, vol. 2, p.

Oct. 6, 1884 Voted on a motion of Reuben Rockwell that the selectmen be instructed to contract with Edwin L. Simons and Patrick Sullivan for the repair and keeping in repair of the roads in the town for the time of one year for the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) this to include all sluices not exceeding four feet in width, and the repair and keeping to be done to the acceptance of the selectmen.

Town Meetings, vol. 2, p. 265

Oct. 5, 1885 It was voted that repairs of roads for the coming year be under the immediate supervision of the selectmen, who shall divide the roads into three sections, one for each selectman. Selectmen shall keep an account of expenses in his section and report to the town. The sum total of such expense not to exceed \$1,200.00.

Voted that the selectmen be instructed to buy a “Champion” or any better road machine within the next six months for use on the roads in the town, and the necessary tools to use therewith. [*The town still owns a Champion road machine, or roadhog, as we say.*]

Voted that the selectmen be instructed to hire men and teams to work in connection with the machine and also independently of it, so far as may be necessary, giving the preference so far as practical to those in the vicinity of the road being repaired.

Voted that the selectmen shall employ men who are inhabitants of the town, if such men can be obtained, in the repair of roads.

Town Meetings, vol. 2, p. 273

Oct. 4, 1897 Mr. Dean [the Congregational minister] introduced the matter of bicycle paths. Voted that the matter of bicycle paths be left with the selectmen.

Town Meetings, vol. 2, p. 397

Oct. 4, 1926 At the annual town meeting it was voted not to purchase a snowplow and to indefinitely postpone the question of opening the roads for automobiles in winter.

Town Meetings, vol. 2, p. 563

July 25, 1927 At a special town meeting, the residents were asked see if the town will vote about building or improving sections of roads or bridges under provisions of chapter 263, Public Acts of 1925 and chapter 120, Public Acts of 1927.

Town Meetings, vol. 2, p. 568

Dec. 6, 1927 At a special town meeting the voters were asked to approve a special tax to raise money to repair and rebuild the roads and bridges destroyed by the recent flood.

Town Meetings, vol. 2, p. 576

Sept. 17, 1928 Notice of Discontinuance of Highway. This highway crosses Sandy Brook stream by a bridge, which is out of repair. This road and bridge are a short distance southeasterly from the residence of Homer Deming in this town and is the road lying between and connecting the old road leading from the state highway to the old Tunxis Creamery, thence running westerly to a road, which leaves the state highway near the residence of Homer Deming and runs southeasterly towards Riverton.

Town Meetings, vol. 2, p. 579