



## TOWN OF WINCHENDON MASSACHUSETTS

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# MEMO

**DATE:** September 10, 2020

**TO:** Board of Selectmen

**FROM:** Keith R. Hickey  
Town Manager

**RE:** Possible Mellen Road Repair Options

Below are three options that would address the repairs needed on Mellen Road. The first two have been previously discussed during Board meetings. The third is a new option for your consideration. The assumption made in all of the options shown includes funding for metes and bounds and legal so the road could be brought forward at a future Town Meeting for acceptance consideration by the voters.

	<b>Repair</b>	<b>Create</b>	<b>Pave 2"</b>
	<b><u>Potholes</u></b>	<b><u>Dirt Road</u></b>	<b><u>of Asphalt</u></b>
Temporary Repairs (Patch)	4,200.00		
Reclaim Existing Pavement		36,165.00	
Paving (2")			76,125.00
Metes and Bounds	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
Legal	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
	<b>54,200.00</b>	<b>86,165.00</b>	<b>126,125.00</b>

Article 15, as written, would make improvements to a section of Mellen Road which would modify that section to a dirt road. The residents of Mellen Road in attendance at the Selectmen and Finance Committee meetings were not supportive of having a dirt road. The residents were supportive of spending the \$4,200 for patching the potholes. If the Board is inclined to go in that direction I would suggest a motion be made Monday night to amend the article to the following:

**ARTICLE 15**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Section 7.15 of the General Bylaws to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$54,200 to make ~~permanent~~ road improvements on the unaccepted portion of Mellen Road. ~~These repairs will upgrade this portion of Mellen Road to the Town's dirt road standard~~ A portion of the costs included in this article are in preparation for acceptance of a town road at a future Town Meeting, or act in relation thereto.

I am bringing forward a new, third options for the Board's consideration. This option would include installing 2" of asphalt along the entire unaccepted portion of Mellen Road instead of reclaiming the existing asphalt. The net increase would be \$39,960. I would propose funding the additional amount from Free Cash as well. Typically, a new road will have a 4" of asphalt installed rather than just two. The 2" option would provide the paved road the residents are looking for at half the cost of installing the typical 4" amount. The 2" option is a compromise should last 10 years. The asphalt currently on Mellen Road was installed in the mid 90's and was no more than 2" thick at the time it was installed. If the Board is inclined to go in that direction I would suggest a motion be made Monday night to amend the article to the following:

**ARTICLE 15**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Section 7.15 of the General Bylaws to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$126,125 to make permanent road improvements on the unaccepted portion of Mellen Road. ~~These repairs will upgrade this portion of Mellen Road to the Town's dirt road standard~~ A portion of the costs included in this article are in preparation for acceptance of a town road at a future Town Meeting, or act in relation thereto.