

August 26, 2008

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Roads Board of Caroline County, Maryland convened at 7:35 p.m. on August 26, 2008 in the hearing room, Courthouse, Denton.

Attending: Jefferson L. Ghrist, Board Chairman
John W. Cole, Member
Roger Layton, Member
Richard P. Barton, Acting County Administrator
Harry T. Cole, Roads Superintendent/Acting Director

On motion by Mr. John Cole, the Roads Board minutes of the July 29, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved.

Mr. Harry Cole reported the crews have finished the resurfacing program, and have begun to mow the dirt roads. In approximately two weeks, all the dirt roads would be mowed for the last time this season. When weather permits, gravel roads would be scraped.

The resurfacing of **Seward Road** and **Hog Lot Road** has been completed. Mr. Harry Cole inquired if the Roads Board wanted him to start the process of turning those roads over to the **Town of Ridgely**.

On motion by Mr. Roger Layton, seconded by Mr. John Cole, the Roads Board unanimously agreed that the County should start the process of turning **Seward Road**, **Hog Lot Road**, and a portion of **Race Track Road** over to the **Town of Ridgely**.

Mr. Harry Cole stated that Public Works is working on a request to possibly close the dirt portion of **Ninetown Road**. A public hearing has been scheduled for September 30th at 7:00 p.m. The two property owners were sent certified letters on date of the public hearing.

Mr. Harry Cole inquired if the Roads Board wanted to consider a disposal permit fee for the collection sites. If the Board implements a fee, it would have to be in effect by December 1st, as the current permits expire December 31st. Mr. Monty Monteith would present a proposal on the different options in two weeks.

Mr. Rick Barton, Acting County Administrator, commented that Mr. Monteith could put together some pros and cons to consider. Whether the Commissioners decide to pursue it would be up to them,

Mr. John Cole commented that solid waste would be changing significantly over the next couple of years after the new **Midshore II landfill** opens in 2011. A discussion would need to take place on whether the collection sites remain open, particularly **Hobbs**. It was made clear that the sites in the north county and south county need to stay open. He stated that a real property tax credit for senior citizens was just put through, and he didn't want to hit them with another fee, but it does make sense for the Board to talk about what they are going to do in the future.

After discussion, the Board decided that they should take the time and listen to Mr. Monteith's recommendations.

There being no further County Roads Board business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Diane F. Pippin
Roads Board Clerk