

Royalton Township Board of Supervisors Road Inspection Minutes  
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Approved

The annual road inspection began at 9:36 a.m., Monday, 26 April 2021, with Chair Wayne Olson, Supervisor Jeff Schlaeger, Road Superintendent Dan Saumer, and Clerk Duane Swanson participating. Notice of this inspection had been published and posted according to law.

Using the attached spreadsheet, originally drafted by Road Superintendent Saumer, the delegation toured each of the 27.0 miles of township roads (with the exception of Snake River Drive, which Supervisor Schlaeger noted had no issues on his last mail route through the road, and Carlson Lane). Supervisor Schlaeger drove, starting with an odometer reading of 23,383. The main purpose of the road inspection was to review the roads for which the township is responsible. Special attention was paid to the condition and need for culverts, ditching, brushing, tree removal, and graveling. The inspection also included a review of properties that had potential zoning issues, particularly excessive amounts of disabled vehicles, garbage, or those that had exhibited previous issues. All roads, regardless of jurisdictional oversight, were reviewed for the zoning concerns.

The attached road notes delineate extended issues regarding specific roads. In general, it was determined that no brushing needed to be completed in 2021 because the few roads exhibiting some need could wait for 2022. Roads requiring graveling, or on schedule to be graveled in 2021, are Grasston Court, Crestview Lane, Cabin Drive, and Raspberry Road south. In addition, spot gravel should be applied to Riverbed Road (near intersection with Linden, 1-2 loads) and Pine Bough Road (north end over low spot, 10-12 loads). Continued tree cutting on Raspberry Road south, Timber Drive, Bear Claw Drive and Acorn Drive should be accomplished in 2021. Much discussion was held on the difficulties of getting necessary ditching done (with some projects having been scheduled as early as 2019). Ditching projects in 2021 are docketed for Hazelnut Road, Buffalo Road, Pine Bough Road, and Acorn Drive. The board will need to address this issue. New driveway culverts will need to be installed on Hazelnut Road, Bluebell Road, Pine Bough Road, Acorn Drive, and Clover Lane, and new road culverts across Hummingbird Road and Timber Drive.

The attached property notes identify properties that have or may have potential actions needed in order to comply with the town's zoning ordinances. The inspection team noted that good progress had been made by landowners in upgrading conditions, especially regarding septic compliance and removal of junk vehicles. The team reviewed properties with recent or

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upcoming conditional or interim use projects to verify that compliance with conditions was occurring. Again, most properties looked good. Permit compliance was discussed, with the recommendation that the office contact firms that may not be aware of the need for reroofing or residing permits. Some properties will require follow-up review by either the zoning administrator or board.

Chair Olson had to leave the inspection team at 12:35 p.m., with the southerly part of the township yet to be visited. At 1:20 p.m., the road inspection concluded, with Supervisor Schlaeger's odometer reading 23,475.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane P. Swanson, Clerk

Wayne Olson, Chair/Supervisor

Jeff Schlaeger, Vice Chair/Supervisor

Marshall Pearson, Supervisor