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## **Belmont selectmen approve paving short stretch of Wareing Road**

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BELMONT—Selectmen on Monday approved a cost sharing arrangement which will lead to the repair and paving of a short section of Wareing Road.

The board approved a plan that will grade and repave 170 feet of roadway up to the entrance of residential property owned by Bill Nutter at 114 Wareing Road. The shared cost arrangement will have Nutter provide almost \$7,000 for the project. He will be responsible for providing all gravel (about 780 tons at a cost of \$5,655), securing a vibratory roller for two days (\$900), and securing a water truck for two days (\$400).

The town will be responsible for excavation, establishing road depth, grading and compacting, and installing a catch basin before the entrance to the driveway. The town will also be responsible for providing dump trucks and footing labor costs. The total cost to the town will run \$8,595, with the major portion of \$4,725 to be spent for 75 tons of asphalt for the project.

The town's portion for the completion of the Wareing Road repair and paving will come from the existing highway reconstruction and maintenance capital reserve account.

Nutter's company, Nutter Enterprises, operates a gravel pit with access off of Stone Road.

Selectmen on April 4 approved a bid of \$316,020 from the firm of D.B.U. Construction of Epsom to perform work on a major stretch of Wareing Road. The project involved construction and paving of all but two-tenths of a mile of the roadway, from Route 106 to the crest of the hill by the entrance to Parent Sand and Gravel Company.

The expenditure was approved by town voters last March as part of a total appropriation of \$750,000 to be placed in the highway reconstruction and maintenance capital reserve fund which covers a number of road projects. The original estimate for work on the main portion of the Wareing Road was pegged at \$385,000.

Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin confirmed on Wednesday that all of the work has been done on the main section of Wareing Road as stipulated in the D.B.U. contract.

Parent Sand and Gravel operates at 93 Shaker Road but purchased property along Wareing Road from Nutter Enterprises to serve as its entry point and scaling operation. The decision by selectmen on Monday to enter into a cost sharing arrangement with Nutter for the paving of 170 feet of Wareing Road does not impact the Parent Sand and Gravel Company's entry point.

Beaudin said that Department of Public Works Director James Fortin will meet soon with Nutter to establish a time frame on when the grading and paving of the short section of Wareing Road can begin.

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