



CITY OF DOVER

CLASS VI ROADWAYS AD HOC COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Conference Room – 288 Central Ave, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Tuesday, June 5, 2007**
Meeting Time: **5:00 pm**

Members present: Bruce Woodruff, Doug Steele, Tom Fargo, Jack McLaughlin, Rob Schneider, Dean Trefethen, Betsey McNaughten, and Cheryl Niles.

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

No minutes to approve.

The committee reviewed the recommendations concerning County Farm Road, Covered Bridge Lane, and Rochester Neck Road area near the Cocheco River, written by the chair. (Text in Appendix A). Section 5 was discussed concerning whether gates should be installed in place of the current piles of gravel, etc. The committee's consensus was that there should not be gates and that proper signage should be installed instead. Two new sections were added. The first to indicate that real barricades should be installed at the actual river crossing of County Farm Road to indicate there is no bridge and that proper signs conforming to MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) standard should be erected to warn people of the status of the road and the fact that there is no bridge ahead. The second section added highlights that the other recommendations will facilitate greater recreational use of the river and existing adjacent trails. Motion by Fargo, second by Niles, to rewrite the recommendations as indicated for possible formal vote by the committee in July and to send the recommendations to abutters in that area before the meeting and let them know about the meeting date and time. Unanimous. Bruce will work up a letter to send to abutters.

Concerning Old Gulf Road, two sections, the committee reviewed the recommendations written by the chair, agreed with their content, but added an additional section recommending the NHDOT erect proper signs per MUTCD and safety fences for the section that crosses the river. (Text in Appendix B)

Discussion on Green Hill Road was postponed until the next meeting.

Discussion started on Nute Road. Since the land surrounding this road is now under conservation easement, is there a need to continue having this road at all or should it remain as a Class VI or be turned into a municipal trail? The public does not have a right of access to the abutting land under terms of the conservation easement. Also discussed was the sewer line that goes up the road and its easement. No action taken. Woodruff will have a Conservation Committee or Open Lands committee member contact Mr. Tuttle about his thoughts on the road's status. Steele will check on the sewer easement.

Citizen's forum: Rick Hebbard agrees with the committee's actions and recommendations so far.

Future meeting dates were set for June 18, July 10, July 17 and August 7.

Adjournment 6:25pm: Steele motion, McLaughlin second. Unanimous



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Appendix A:

Resolution: County Farm Road/Covered Bridge Lane/Rochester Neck Road (near Cocheco River)

DRAFT (The committee has not voted on this wording yet, awaiting public comment.)

The Class VI Road Ad Hoc Committee recommends the following to the Dover City Council:

1. We essentially re-affirm the conclusions of the previous sub-committee of the Planning Board, however there are some differences in our findings.
2. We find that Covered Bridge Lane is in fact a Class V road because the city has been maintaining the road for sometime. We do agree that the road should be paved.
3. There is a small section of County Farm Road recently improved, when the hospice center was constructed, which the city has been maintaining so that section is now a Class V road.
4. The remaining section of County Farm Road and the section of Rochester Neck Road in question are still Class VI roads and we recommend they remain in that status.
5. The remaining sections of County Farm Road and Rochester Neck Road that are still in Class VI status should be cleared of trees that are growing in the previously traveled part of the right of way. Also, the piles of dirt and other obstructions that have been placed at the ends of these sections of roads should be removed. ~~and replaced with proper gates that meet statutes.~~ These sections of road should be properly posted with signs that warn the public of the status of these roads, using MUTCD standards. ~~(i.e. not maintained) and that usage of these roads is at their own risk.~~
6. (added) True barricades at the actual river sides should be erected for safety reasons and other obstructions near the river added as deemed necessary for safety.
7. (added) These actions will facilitate recreational use of the river and adjacent existing trails.
8. (was #6) The City Council should appropriate funds to carry out these recommendations as soon as possible to make these roads conform to relevant RSA's.

Appendix B:

Resolution: Old Gulf Road (two sections)

The Class VI Road Ad Hoc Committee recommends the following to the Dover City Council:

1. We re-affirm the conclusions of the previous sub-committee of the Planning Board, that these two sections of roads are in fact in Class VI status and are under the control of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and nothing should be done to change their status.
2. We recommend the Dover City Council accept this finding as presented.
3. (added) We further recommend that city staff pursue with the NHDOT that proper signage conforming with MUTCD and safety fences be erected at the river crossing.