



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, July 10, 2007**
Meeting Time: **5:00 pm**

Members present: Bruce Woodruff, Doug Steele, Tom Fargo, Don Andolina, Dean Trefethen, Rob Schneider.

Meeting called to order at 5:08pm

Minutes of the June 26, 2007 meeting were approved. Andolina motion, Steele second. Unanimous.

A Citizen's Forum was held on the committee's proposed recommendations for the County Farm Road/Rochester Neck Road/Covered Bridge Lane area. Rick Hebbard asked if the barriers had been placed at the river yet (yes) and if the piles had been removed yet (no). He stated the piles should be removed immediately. Ed Bleiler said that he was representing the Medbery's on Covered Bridge Lane who could not attend. Bleiler read a statement that said the paving of Covered Bridge Lane is overdue and pointed out that the deed for the subdivision had the paving as a condition. Bleiler noted that the committee's recommendation already covers that situation. Susannah and Mark Murad commented they were fine with the recommendations. The Citizen's Forum was closed.

The committee discussed Hebbard's concern about the piles and what the timeline would be on implementing the recommendations. Consensus was that the signs should go up first and then the other compliance could happen as removing the piles first could create a safety issue. Fargo motioned to approve the recommendations and send them to the City Council. Andolina second. Unanimous. (Text of recommendations is attached as Appendix A.)

Discussion on Green Hill Road continued. Woodruff noted that the small piece of the Belden, Inc land that's in Dover is still owned by them and they have paid their taxes on it and the town of Madbury can not take land in Dover for lack of tax payment in Madbury. It was noted that Committee member Cheryl Niles has contacted the chair of the Barrington trail committee to initiate discussion about the possibility of converting this road to a municipal trail. It was noted that the ATV club might still have an interest in the long term maintenance of the trail if we were to go in that direction. Belden, Inc has not been contact yet, but efforts will continue.

A Citizen's Forum was held on the committee's proposed recommendations for Nute Road. Rick Hebbard asked about the reason for leaving it as a Class VI road. Mary Hebbard asked about the wording on the proposed signs. The Citizen's Forum was closed.

The committee explained that we still needed keep the road as a Class VI road because there was no easement obtained for the sewer line running under it because the city already had the right to use the right of way (ROW) for the line, so didn't get an easement that would be needed if the city discontinued this road. Also it was explained that the signs will conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and that the manual spells out what the signs should say. There was some discussion of the exact words to use in a few places in the



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recommendation and minor changes were made. Fargo motioned to approve the recommendations and send them to the City Council. Andolina second. Unanimous.

Citizen's Forum: No speakers.

Future meeting dates were set for July 17 and August 7 with tentative dates set for September 4 and 18. On July 17 the committee will get a list and start discussions on any newly discovered Class VI roads, and continue with Green Hill Road if any new information. In August the committee will start on Old Garrison Road and David Tuttle Lane.

Adjournment 5:45pm: Steele motion, Andolina second. Unanimous



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Appendix A

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

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 in accordance with its deed requirements.
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. These sections of road should be properly posted with signs that warn the public of the status of these roads, using MUTCD standards (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices).
6. 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. These actions will facilitate recreational use of the river and adjacent existing trails and preserve the right of ways for future transportation needs.
8. The City Council should appropriate funds to carry out these recommendations as soon as possible to make these roads conform to relevant RSA's.