



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, August 7, 2007**  
Meeting Time: **5:00 pm**

Members present: Bruce Woodruff, Doug Steele, Dean Trefethen, Rob Schneider, Paul Valisch, Eric Hageman, Michael Raiche, Betsey McNaughten, and Don Andolina.

Meeting called to order at 5:03pm

Minutes of the July 17, 2007 meeting were approved with corrections. Steele motion, Andolina second. Unanimous.

Discussion on Green Hill Road continued. Woodruff provided a copy of a 1995 City Council resolution that intended to start the process of converting this road to a municipal trail or to discontinue it completely. However, it does not appear that any other steps were taken by the Council to properly complete the process. Woodruff state there still hasn't been contact made with Belden, Inc about their piece of land in Dover on Green Hill Road. Also, no follow up with anyone in Barrington. There is also a form from the state that the ATV club indicated they were willing to maintain the trail (as has been indicated recently as well), but the form was never completed with state sign off. Efforts will continue to get an update from Barrington and to contact Belden, Inc.

Discussion continued on Hanson Way. Woodruff presented a couple of small plots that showed where present property lines and possible easements are located. The committee agreed a larger, more detailed plot is needed to avoid confusion. Also the chair will ask a summary of actions needed from the city attorney of what the committee could do and what the city attorney will be doing. It was discussed that we probably need to break the road into several sections. One from Knox Marsh Road to the railroad right of way (ROW), one from the RR ROW to the Colbath property, one from Colbath past packing company property, and another from that point to Littleworth Rd. The committee discussed options for each section. The committee would like confirmation of the utility easements the city supposedly has in the area. The committee will hold a site walk at 5pm on September 4, meeting on Crosby Road at the Colbath property area.

The committee started discussion on Old Garrison Road and David Tuttle Road. Discussion centered on splitting the roads in to two sections each and handling each section separately. The two sections of David Tuttle would be one from Old Garrison towards the river and the second from Old Garrison to Piscataqua Rd. The two sections of Old Garrison would be from the Towle property area to Bay View Road, and the second section being from Spruce Lane to the Towle's.

Since the city has been maintaining the section of Old Garrison from the Towle's to Bay View for more than 5 years, this section is now a Class V road.

Options on the David Tuttle section from Old Garrison towards the river would be: Leave as a Class VI all the way; leave as a Class VI to just past the Allen property (tax parcel J8A) and then either discontinue or convert to a municipal trail; or perhaps convert the whole section to a trail or discontinue. The Allen property would be the key to the 3<sup>rd</sup> option as that is the only access to the land. Options on the David Tuttle section from Old Garrison to Piscataqua would be: Leave



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as a Class VI road to leave a ROW for possible future development; convert to a trail; or discontinue the ROW.

Discussion on the Old Garrison sections centered on: The Spruce to Towle's section, leaving as a Class VI as it provides access to a few of private pieces of land and the Fish and Game preserve.

There doesn't seem to be any other option on this portion. The other section of Old Garrison, from the Towle's to Bay View is Class V now, due to the city's continual maintenance, however it could be changed back to Class VI. The committee decided to have the abutters come to a meeting where the options would be explained, i.e. leave as Class V or change to Class VI, and what the ramifications of those options would be. The will of the abutters would be the deciding factor.

Citizen's Forum: Rick Hebbard spoke about the history of Old Garrison Road and how he felt it was important to preserve the road in its present state, particularly the section near Spruce Lane, as the character of the road is close to what it would have been in colonial times, including granite culverts. He also provided a copy of a City Council resolution from the early 80's that showed the Council's interest in determining what roads were private roads and which ones were not, and if the city should be providing maintenance and services to those roads.

Future meeting dates were set for September 4 and 18, and October 2 and 16. On September 4 the committee will start with a site walk of Hanson Way and then go to city hall for the rest of the meeting to continue discussion on Green Hill Rd, Hanson Way, and Old Garrison/David Tuttle Roads. The September 18 meeting will feature a meeting with abutters of Old Garrison Rd.

Adjournment 6:36pm: Andolina motion, Hageman second. Unanimous