

Class VI Road Ad Hoc Committee

Minutes of October 9, 2007 meeting

Members present: Doug Steele, Dean Trefethen, Rob Schneider, Cheryl Niles, and Don Andolina, and Bruce Woodruff.

Meeting called to order at 5:14pm.

Discussion on Hanson Way was postponed to October 23rd as letters to abutters did not get mailed.

Updates were given on Green Hill Road. Email has been sent to other communities to inform them of our thoughts and see if they would like to do the same. No answers back yet. Changing the road to a municipal trail is the likely recommendation, but in order for the City Council to complete that action the city would need approval from abutting land owners and help from other towns.

Next discussed was Cook Road. Somersworth was plowing their section of the road and Dover's in the winter in return for Dover providing gravel and grading in the summer. This practice was discontinued a few years ago, not certain that it has been more than five years. The road was recently used by many members of the public as an alternative to Blackwater Road after that road was flooded and washed out. The committee has no doubt that it is a Class VI road, but it could be a Class V due to the maintenance. Steele will try to confirm date of last maintenance.

Fresh Creek Road, also known as County Line Road, Old County Road and other names, is a road that runs along the border of Dover and Rollinsford between Oak Street in Dover and Old Mill Road in Rollinsford. There is also access from County Club Estates (road) in Dover. Woodruff showed historical maps that outlined the road. Committee members will walk the road on their own time and report back at the next meeting.

The committee started discussing which of the Class VI roads might be considered to be identified as an "emergency lane". This provision of law would allow the city to perform some minimal maintenance in an emergency situation without changing the status of the road. This resulted in some spirited discussion between committee members and members of the public. Questions revolve around what is the reason or benefit to do this at this time. No decisions were made.

Citizen's Forum: Rick Hebbard raised the issue of Declan Road off Bay View Road.

Future meeting dates were set for October 16 and 23, also November 1, 13 and 20.

Adjournment 6:22pm: Andolina motion, Niles second. Unanimous