

Class VI Road Ad Hoc Committee

Minutes of October 23, 2007 meeting

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

Meeting called to order at 5:08pm.

Minutes of the October 2, 2007 meeting were approved. Steele motion, McLaughlin second. Unanimous.

Discussion continued on Hanson Road. Letters were sent to abutters informing them we intend to recommend that the right of way (ROW) be extinguished completely with the land reverting back to the abutters. No abutters were present or responded to the letters. At earlier meetings it was expressed by a couple of abutters that extinguishing the ROW would be appropriate. It is recognized there are several legal issues surrounding various attempts in the past to do a variety of land actions on this old road, which will need to be sorted out by the city attorney. Trefethen will write up formal recommendations for a vote at the next meeting.

Formal recommendations were reviewed by the committee for Old Garrison Road (OGR) and David Tuttle Road (DTR). Briefly the recommendations state the following: The section of OGR from the Towle's property to Bay View Road is Class V, the section of DTR from OGR east to the Bellamy River should be extinguished, the remaining sections of OGR and DTR should remain as Class VI. There was some minor editing of the wording as presented and approved unanimously for forwarding to the city council.

Formal recommendations for Cook Road were discussed with amendments for minor editing. The finalized wording was approved unanimously for forwarding to the city council

Discussion continued on Fresh Creek Road (also known as County Line Road, Old County Road and other names) with formal recommendations presented and discussed. Minor editing was done to the wording, plus an added section about declaring the road as a "scenic road" according to the proper statutes. Finalized wording was approved unanimously for forwarding to the city council.

Discussion continued on which Class VI roads could be designated as "emergency lanes". Another round of spirited discussion resulted with no roads emerging that needed that designation. Fargo suggested that we recommend to the city council that we don't designate any roads at this time, but that we do recommend a set of criteria for the council to make such a designation in the future, if needed. Fargo volunteered to write this and send to the chair for the next meeting

Citizen's Forum: Mary Hebbard spoke.

Future meeting dates were set for November 1, 13 and 20 (if needed). Green Hill road will return to the agenda on Nov 1, as will revisiting Cold Spring Road.

Adjournment 6:45pm: Steele motion, Schneider second. Unanimous