

FINAL

**CLASS VI ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Remote via Microsoft Teams
LebanonNH.gov/Live
Thursday, October 1st, 2020
6:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Wood, Erling Heistad, Joan Monroe, Barbara Hirai, Marc Coleman, Colin Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Goodwin (GIS Coordinator)

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Colin Smith called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM

- Mr. Mark Goodwin reviewed the meeting procedures for remote meetings and NH RSA 91-A “Right to Know” requirements. A Roll Call of Commission Members who participated remotely are listed above.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 3rd, 2020 and September 17th, 2020

A. September 3rd, 2020

Mr. Heistad MOVED to approve the September 3rd, 2020 Minutes as amended below and presented in the October 1st, 2020 agenda packet.

Seconded by Ms. Monroe.

Amendments:

Page 2, Line 37, Change “passed” to “past”

Page 3, Line 6, Add “in” after “put”

Roll Call Vote:

Erling Heistad, Stephen Wood, Barbara Hirai, Joan Monroe, Marc Coleman, and Colin Smith all voting Yea.

None voted Nay.

**** The Vote on the MOTION was unanimously approved (6-0).***

B. September 17, 2020

Mr. Heistad MOVED to approve the September 17th, 2020 Minutes as presented in the October 1st, 2020 agenda packet.

Seconded by Ms. Monroe.

Roll Call Vote:

Erling Heistad, Stephen Wood, Barbara Hirai, Joan Monroe, Marc Coleman, and Colin Smith all voting Yea.

None voted Nay.

** The Vote on the MOTION was unanimously approved (6-0).*

3. STUDY ITEMS: ROAD (DURKEE & MCCALLISTER ROAD) REVIEW AND DISCUSS

Chair Wood explained that for the purposes of tonight's discussion Durkee Road will be considered in its entirety from Meriden Road (Route 120) up and over the hill toward the East to the McCallister Road over the town line in the Town of Enfield. Ms. Patch sent in some bullet points to the Committee and just wanted to make sure the Committee had received them. Mr. Goodwin read the letter with the bullet points from the Patches.

Mr. Ron Bailey described photos of Durkee Road that he took in 2000. The first part of Durkee Road is used by an abutter as a driveway. Durkee Road has stone walls on either side of the roadway approximately 50 feet (3 rods) apart. He felt that the Road was very distinguishable all the way through. He explained that when roads were laid out originally, they went from one road to another road. They never just stopped without connecting to another roadway.

Mr. Josh Patch said that at the Enfield/Lebanon Townline there is not a road you can find down to Methodist Hill Road for a long way. You can start at Methodist Hill Road and go for a little way, but then you can no longer find the road. Mr. Bailey said he was able to walk it and that there were bridges along the way, one on the Enfield side and one on the Lebanon side that are in great disrepair, but their remains are still there.

Mr. Peter Johnson visited Chair Wood and spoke with him and Bob Townsend about Durkee Road. He asked that Chair Wood represent that he remembered Durkee Road as a public right of way. He said that a high volume well was drilled Northeast of McCallister and Durkee Road by K&J. They also drilled a lower production well at the apex of McCallister Road and the snowmobile trail. Mr. Patch said he found information from the Planning Board in the 1990's that said that a proposed housing development's only access, at that time, would be Barden Hill Road, Methodist Hill Road in Enfield, Methodist Hill Road in Plainfield and Merry Lane.

Chair Wood spoke on a letter from the Town of Enfield that was sent to the Lebanon City Council back in February 2020. In the letter the Town of Enfield asked the City of Lebanon to not discontinue Class VI Roads that connect to Enfield because that would leave roads in Enfield that lead to "nowhere". Ms. Monroe asked what the map was that the Patches referenced in their letter to the Committee. Mr. Patch clarified that it was a surveying map that Pathways Consulting had done.

Mr. Heistad MOVED that the Class VI Roads Advisory Committee recommend to the City Council that Durkee Road from Route 120 to the intersection with McCallister Road at the Enfield

Townline be classified as a Class A Trail, 25 feet in width.

Seconded by Ms. Hirai.

Public comment was closed. Discussion was had among the Committee members. Ms. Hirai asked Mr. Heistad why he chose 25 feet in width and are there stone walls along the roadway? If so, how far apart

were they and would the stone walls be protected by making the roadway 25 feet wide? Mr. Heistad said that Mr. Bailey indicated the road was 3 rods in width and that is equal to about 49 ½ feet. He felt that 25 feet would give the Patches more control of the property and respected their needs. He felt that was a compromise for both parties. Chair Wood supported the motion. Ms. Monroe cited the letter from the Town of Enfield which indicated that the Town believed that the roadway was a Class VI Road on their side of the Townline. She thought that if it was a Class VI Road on that end then it was probably a Class VI Road on the Lebanon side as well. If it is turned into a Trail, then it can be still used by the public but gives more control to the Patches as well. She did wonder how much research Enfield did to find out that Durkee Road was a Class VI road on their side.

Mr. Coleman wanted to know if the Patches wanted the roadway as a Trail and not a Class VI Road? Mr. Patch responded that they knew they would be devaluing the land by making it a Trail and not a Class VI Road. They do not want to develop the land; they want to keep it as woodlands for the rest of his life. They do not want it as a Class VI Road. Chair Wood agreed with the Motion, by limiting the width to 25 feet it would allow the landowners to maintain more control of the property.

*Ms. Monroe MOVED to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.
Seconded by Mr. Heistad.*

Roll Call Vote:

Stephen Wood, Erling Heistad, Joan Monroe, Marc Coleman, Barbara Hirai, and Colin Smith all voting Yea.

None voted Nay.

** The Vote on the MOTION passed (6-0).*

Discussion continued among the Committee members on the Motion for Durkee Road. Ms. Monroe felt that the 2018 Lidar imagery clearly showed the roadway and the 2 building foundations near the roadway and agreed with Chair Wood's comments. Ms. Hirai agreed that the Lidar map showed the road very clearly. Mr. Goodwin said that the Committee went through the Class VI Roads template in 2007. The Committee reviewed the template again.

Roll Call Vote:

Stephen Wood, Erling Heistad, Joan Monroe, Marc Coleman, Barbara Hirai, and Colin Smith all voting Yea.

None voted Nay.

** The Vote on the MOTION passed (6-0).*

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Road #20 (Atherton Road): Review and discussion, including resident recommendation to discontinue.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

*A MOTION was made by Mr. Heistad to adjourn the meeting at 8:10PM.
The MOTION was seconded by Ms. Hirai.*

Roll Call Vote:

Colin Smith, Erling Heistad, Joan Monroe, Barbara Hirai, Stephen Wood, and Marc Coleman all voting Yea.

None voted Nay.

** The Vote on the MOTION was approved (6-0).*

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Higgins

Recording Secretary