

Tamworth Road Committee

Draft Minutes – May 2, 2018

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Meeting came to order at 7:06 pm. Members present were Ron Remick, David Little, David Halpin, Lori Gerard and Chris Conrod. Members absent: Dave Bowles.

Also Present: Willie Farnum, Selectman.

Review Minutes – Minutes of 4/4/2018 accepted as written.

Progress and Concerns Report to the Selectmen

The committee reviewed with Willie Farnum the history, methods and success we have had to date, along with challenges and concerns we have. We gave Willie an outline of what the final report will have and provided rough draft samples from the report. Main points included:

- This project will likely never be 100% complete. The few clues in some of the road actions are dependent on knowledge that was lost many years ago.
- The primitive methodology of the original early layouts, along with measurement errors and typos, will prevent reporting accurate locations unless there is visible evidence on the ground. The committee does not intend to convey any high precision locations. A line on a 1:24,000 map will indicate the approximate location. Layouts that follow the general course of the present roadway without showing any distinctive deviations that don't appear to be caused by measurement errors will be assumed to be describing the roadway as it now exists.
- There is a lot of deed research needed to attempt to identify the locations of numerous road actions. The committee has not done any yet and will be unlikely to be doing much if any in the future. Because many of the early settlers owned numerous parcels, some of the deed research is likely to lead to a dead end. Because of all this, hiring a researcher would not be cost effective. It would only be feasible if some volunteers were interested in taking on the project.
- There is a good likelihood that there will be a few landowners concerned about the committee's findings. The Selectmen should be ready for this, preferably with a plan in place before the first shoe drops.
- We are hoping to wrap this up in two years.

Old Business

Ron reported that he has reviewed the historical information in the application for designating the Chocorua Lake basin with an official historic status. He was impressed with the enormous amount of work put into the historical research. He asked if there was a map that showed the locations of the numbered property descriptions. David said he wasn't aware of a map but he could help Ron with the locations because he is familiar with the properties in that area.

Review Determinations & Add Justifications

1830-06-08-00, 1839-10-01-00 and subsequent modifications/discontinuance – This is a road between Hemenway Road and Cave/Grasse, connecting to the old (northern) route of Great Hill Road. The plots fit very well, there's a cellar hole right where Mark Jewell Jr's house is called for, the other names are verified on 1807-06-25-01 and 02, 1824-11-08-00.

1787-10-10-02 – Hackett Hill Durrell Roads – David corrected some courses and re-plotted the layout. Fits much better. The original layout diverges south of the present route just east of the end of the Hackett Hill Class V road, runs up near the top of the hill, follows the ridge eastward, and descends down the north slope to connect with Durrell Road just east of where the power lines cross. The plot fits very well with an old roadway still visible on the ground at the west end and the east end meets Durrell Road exactly where 1788-09-06-01 calls for “the highway at the west end of William Cheever's land.”

Next meeting – Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 7 pm at the Town Offices.

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, Road Committee Secretary