

Tamworth Road Committee

Draft Minutes – February 4, 2015

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. Members present were, Ron Remick, Lori Gerard, David Little, David Bowles and Chris Conrod. Members absent: Bob Cottrell, Paul King and David Halpin.

Review Minutes – Minutes of 01/07/2015 accepted.

Old/New Business – David L. expressed appreciation for the work Chris has been doing and insisted that it be in the minutes. David L. also expressed concern that the evidence we are using, particularly that evidence beyond how well the bearings and distances of a layout fit a known town road (e.g., names from “If Walls Could Speak”, repetitive names and clues that Chris has found in one layout to identify another layout, etc.) are getting lost in the cracks. We haven't devised a good system for recording and efficiently retrieving all this evidence. This became a recurring theme throughout the meeting. All present committee members agreed that this should be addressed and we should all think about how best to accomplish it.

Layout Sleuthing – Using the Mylar sheet over the town map and the “research_needs” spreadsheet that Chris is compiling, we reviewed some of the “unknown” layouts to see if clues that Chris picked up can identify the proper location of the layout.

Vol 1, Pg ?; 1794-03-20 – The evidence is that the layout calls for the road to be on the range line and connecting to a Sandwich road where a Mr Folsom lived. The tax map implies that the range line is north of Cleveland Hill Road in that area. There is a roadway on the ground in Tamworth that appears to be on the range line. It continues into Sandwich and connects to a house just over the town line. Agreed that this may be the road that was laid out but the names (Stevenson and Weed) should be researched and the location of the range line verified.

Vol 1, Pg 54; 1785-06-30 – Too many Israel Gilmans with different ranks. Still unknown, needs research. Lt. Israel had a place on the south end of Hollow Hill Road (we think) but the key phrase here is “upper place” and it is near the Sandwich line. Did the Gilmans have a family compound somewhere on Brown Hill? That's where Captain Israel's upper place was.

Vol 1, Pg 76; 1788-09-06-01 – This can be determined to be the southern end of Osgood Road and a stretch of Durrell Road heading toward Rte 113. All names are mentioned in other “known” layouts. Chris will compile a list of those layouts.

Vol 1, Pg 76; 1788-09-06-02 – This appears to be 113 north of Butlers Bridge. We don't know how far north. No names to research.

Vol 1, Pg ?; 1798-11-28-01 – This is an alternate route for Durrell Road. It probably never got built. Key names are Day Ballard and Sanborn/Sanborn's Mill, both mentioned in other layouts. Chris will compile a list of those layouts.

Next meeting – Scheduled for 7:00 pm, April 1, at the Town House. The first Wednesday of March is the annual School district meeting.

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, Road Committee Secretary