

Tamworth Road Committee

Draft Minutes – October 7, 2015

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Meeting came to order at 7:12 pm. Members present were, Ron Remick, David Little, David Halpin, and Chris Conrod. Members absent: Bob Cottrell, Lori Gerard, Paul King, David Bowles.

Review Minutes – Minutes of 06/03/2015 accepted with the correction that it was David Bowles who spoke with Beverly Hammond, not Ron Remick.

Old/New Business – David H. reported that he finished reviewing Volume 1 of the original town records, comparing them to the typewritten copy and also to the transcribed digital version in the excel file. He also photographed the relevant pages in the original recorded volume. Chris will add to and correct the excel file, using David's notes. Chris reported that he is almost finished with reviewing and transcribing the remaining town records. Beyond that, he has some more page photos to do and there is a need continue to add to the location and research needs columns in the spreadsheet; these columns are presently complete up to the 1850s, which should cover all the deed references that would be found at the SCRD. David L. stated that he could work on those columns. Another chore that can be done is a cross-referenced name/date/location list that could be helpful in solving some of the unknown layouts or discontinuances. Chris will also provide, for review by the committee, a sample page(s) for the proposed individual road descriptions to be included in the final report.

Research Needs – It was agreed that the committee has reached a point where the most pressing need is deed research at Strafford and Carroll County deed registries. As much as 25% of the recorded layouts and discontinuances are of unknown or questionable location. It is obvious that the needed research would take a number of years to complete at the rate the committee members who are proficient in deed research would be capable of donating to the task. Almost all the needed work involves records that are not available online and likely wont be for a number of years. We discussed Paul King's suggestion in his email dated 10/06/2015 concerning an interim report. Agreed that there is still a lot of work just to get a polished report done, whether it is interim or final. Plan to work toward the final report and, if (when) there is still a lot of deed research to do when the written report is near completion (for what we have at that time), then we could submit an interim report that includes time estimates and/or options for completing the deed research.

Specific considerations to be addressed in the report – Discussed the need to cite the specific evidence used for locating layouts and discontinuances; not just citing the town action recorded in the written records. The evidence includes names referenced in other town actions, historical maps, “If Walls could Speak”, and other sources. It is especially important to address layout discrepancies and to define what constitutes a significant discrepancy.

Next meeting – Agreed to not set a specific date for the next meeting because there are a number of chores to complete before there would be a need for a formal discussion. The next meeting will be called at the discretion of the Chairman.

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, Road Committee Secretary