

Tamworth Road Committee

Draft Minutes – March 1, 2017

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

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

Review Minutes – Minutes of 10/07/2015 accepted as written.

Proposed Interim Report – Consensus being that the Committee has reached a point where further identification of locations of town actions concerning roads (primarily layouts, closures and discontinuances) would require an enormous amount of research beyond the ability of the current committee, it is agreed that a formal but interim progress report should be presented to the Selectmen. The report could include possible recommendations of how the town could further proceed, which was discussed but no decision was reached.

Concerning the progress report, Paul distributed a proposed outline of contents. It was discussed whether the report should be printed, digital, or both. Most of it will be/has been created in a digital form, so therefore it could be formatted for printing, which would make it easily available at the town office for public use. Paul's outline was discussed item by item and some modifications were made. It is a basis for getting the process started and adaptations can be made during the process. The following is an outline of the report contents as it loosely stands now:

1. List of all town actions discovered by the committee, including all details of the action (Volume, page(s), date, type and authority of action, original verbiage; location, if known; justification for location). List of prescriptive roads (all existing roads with no **KNOWN** records of layout, acceptance, closure or discontinuance). The plots of layouts where metes and bounds were used in the description. Photos of all the town record pages concerning road actions.
2. An alphabetical list of all town roads, past and present, with USGS sheets for each road showing the locations subject to any and all town actions affecting that road. Former roads that have no known name will be labeled year-month-day (xxx-xx-xx) of earliest action on that road.
3. List of all town actions we could not determine. Alphabetical list of all names of people mentioned in undetermined actions. Associate the names with the actions, the year of the undetermined action and any other action where that name is mentioned.
4. Four overall maps: Class V, Class VI, discontinued, and roads taken over by the state.
5. Another overall map showing state projects.

Next Steps – Chris will finish filling in the “Located?” columns in the town records spreadsheets, based on determinations recorded in minutes of the meetings, and distribute it in the next week. All committee members will work on adding to the “Justification” column using plots, geographical references, historical maps, historical texts, names associated with other action determinations, and whatever other means were used.

Next meeting – Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 7 pm at the Town Offices.

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, Road Committee Secretary