

Tamworth Road Study Committee

Draft Minutes – November 6, 2019

Draft minutes to be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting

Call to Order – Meeting came to order at 7:04 pm. Members present were David Little, David Halpin, Willie Farnum (Selectmen's Representative), Paul King, Lori Gerard, Ron Remick and Chris Conrod. Members absent: none!.

Review Minutes – Minutes of 10/02/2019 accepted as written.

New and/or Old Business

Revisit 1798-11-28-02 – This layout starts at “road laid out by Burton” and ends near the cellar hole on Great Hill Road across from Grace Payne (Dana Steele). Fitting it to the south end, which is known, the layout falls generally near the course of Hemenway Road and the “upper road” between Duck Pond and Payne. However, there is no section of the layout that can be fitted with the existing roads and there is no evidence on the ground or on LIDAR that a roadway approximating the layout was ever built or used. Agreed to list it as an unbuilt road, no known record of discontinuance, therefore Class VI. That will leave Hemenway Road as assumed prescriptive. David L. will send Chris a screen shot of the layout superimposed on the 1930 USGS topo and or the LIDAR layer.

Road Report Maps – Reviewed Chris's map of Breakneck Hill Road to be included in the report. Agreed to have a small locus map included with each road listing to easily show where in town the road is located. Agreed to keep the legend and road type lines as is. Agreed to add arrowheads to the leaders on the call-out boxes. Agreed to not rely solely on contemporary proper names for locating road features.

Revisit 1920-03-09-9A – This discontinuance was identified as the road from Sandoz to Payne (Breakneck Hill Road to Cleveland Hill Road “upper route” near Payne). The sole justification is that both directions of Breakneck Hill Road from the Sandoz house are accounted for; to the south by a later discontinuance and to the north by the fact that the road is still maintained as a Class V road. The road in question is currently assumed to be prescriptive; we have no other records to suggest that the road ever was a town road. Discussed possibility that the discontinuance could have been intended for the southern portion of Breakneck Hill Road and that the latter discontinuance was simply a clarification, and that the Sandoz-Payne road was never a town road. Final agreement was to keep the road action listed as is but to include a discussion in the road listing that covers the uncertainty.

Philbrick Neighborhood Road (1972-03-07-34) – Willie reported that David L. found a Peabody deed that granted land to the town for the portion of the road relocation on their property. It appears that the relocation is accounted for but the old route on Peabody land is legally a Class VI road. The Selectboard is aware of the situation.

David L. has a list of road actions that are in neither the road name index nor the unknown road actions spreadsheet. He will send the list to Chris.

Next meeting – Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 7 pm at the Town Offices.

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Submitted by Chris Conrod, Road Committee Secretary