

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2002

PRESENT: Bob Fay, Doug Foglio, Willis Lord, ~~Nancy Brandt~~, Pam Witman, John Littlefield, Bob Gobeil, Wendy Warren, Teresa Lowell, Larry Jacobsen, Fred Fay, Dave Benton, Dale Witman & Richard Sevigny.

Meeting called to order at 9:05 p.m.

HEARING OF DELEGATION: Richard Sevigny stated that he always assumed his road (Eon Way) was a town road. Does not understand why it will not be plowed next year. Doug stated that Eldora Dube paid to build that road and not the town. This may be on a map in the Planning Office as a Sub-division plan but there was not Planning Board until Sept. 1973 and sub-division plans were only to sub-divide lots for tax purposes they are not approved sub-divisions. Stated that he is not sure that the road could meet town standards. Mr. Sevigny stated that only abutters to the road were notified and that there are several other people who use that road to access their property. Bob stated that it was only sent to the abutters because they own to the center line and they are the only ones who could grant or not the release of liability. Mr. Sevigny questioned an article on the town meeting warrant to make it a public easement so that it could continue to be maintained as it has in the past. Bob stated that it is against the law to maintain private roads and that there is liability to the contractor. Doug stated that the town road specs are part of the zoning ordinance which was approved by a town meeting vote. In that it is required that it be paved. Bob stated that he can petition it to the warrant but the Selectmen will not put a private road on the warrant unless notified by the Road Review Committee that it meets town specifications. Mr. Sevigny stated that not all property owners live there year round and they wouldn't sign because they don't care about plowing. Stated that two residents are seasonal, one is part time and five live there year round. Bob stated that they have two choices. They need to raise the money to bring it up to town specs or petition it to be on the warrant. Dave Benton stated that it is not wide enough, there is no ditching and a considerable amount of expense would be involved. Dale stated that he recalls the town meeting where that ordinance was passed and if deviating from that to maintain easements is dangerous. Could open up the possibility of an addition 70 miles of road. Doug stated that he has been waiting for this to happen. There are 50 miles of road in Lake Arrowhead not maintained by the town and they are taxpayers. There are also roads in Lake Sherburne and around Middle Branch Pond that are private roads. Those few who have been plowed should be thankful for the years they were plowed. There are more than 20 roads that use to be plowed that have already lost that privilege. There are many more private roads that are not maintained than are. He stated that he understands that a lot of people bought property believing it was a town maintained road.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Reported that they are meeting with Steve Wentworth this week and will move the vote on his hours until next week.
2. Motion by Willis and seconded by Doug to appoint Wendy Warren as the RWS Representative for the Town of Waterboro. Vote 3-0-0.

3. Motion by Willis and seconded by Doug that as soon as the measurements are acquired that the Consent Decree be written. This is being written because Pat Swett, Johnny Swett and Virginia Day allowed the town to change the intersection of Roberts Ridge Road and Townhouse Road. When this agreement was made Bob promised certain things one of which was a setback consent decree on the barn because we were cutting off some of that. Vote 3-0-0.
4. Discussed the request to change John Smith Way from a town road to a private road. Bob stated that this was passed by a town meeting vote and it is a town road by town meeting vote. It could be petitioned but the Selectmen will not put an article on the warrant but no article will be submitted by the Selectmen. Motion by Doug that there will be no article submitted by the Selectmen to change John Smith Way to a private road and furthermore that the person who requested this be directed to read the minutes of the public hearings that were held and therefore will understand that the road was designed to handle emergency traffic as well as non-emergency public traffic at the same time. Seconded by Bob. Vote 3-0-0.

Doug reviewed the list of upcoming meetings.

Motion by Willis and seconded by Bob to accept the minutes of 1/2/02 as written. Vote 3-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Doug and seconded by Willis to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Vote 3-0-0

SIGNED:

Warrant for Bills and Payroll

1. Minutes of 1/2/02
2. Appointment papers

APPROVED

Date: 1/15/02



