

Road Reclassification Hearing
Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Those present: Mike Hogan, Ted Domey, Fred Ducharme, Bernie Shatney, Karen Deasy, Ted and Norma Bermingham, Paul Stecker, Leonard Spencer, Gary Katz, Michael Tarrant, Esq. , Sandy Pond, Michelle Leclerc, and Betty Ritter

1. The meeting was called to order by Ted Domey, vice-chair of the Selectboard at 6:05 p.m.
2. Public Comment – there was no public comment.
3. Swear in witnesses – Betty Ritter, Town Clerk swore in the witnesses: Mike Hogan, Fred Ducharme, Bernie Shatney, Ted Bermingham, Norma Bermingham, Leonard Spencer, Gary Katz. The Hearing was to discuss reclassification or discontinuance of the subject roads.
4. Take testimony on the reclassification on Town Highways 15, 13, 44, 55, and 57:
 - a. Town Highway 15, 5506 VT 215 North (converting to a Legal Trail or Private Road from a Class 3,4) –The Selectboard consisting of Jack Daniels, Mike Hogan, Fred Ducharme, and Road Commissioner, Karen Deasy on May 8, 2018 did a walk thru and visually inspected the road. No landowner was present at the time of the walk thru. No one was present at this hearing, however, a letter was received stating there was no objection to the change.
 - b. Town Highway 13, Langone Road (converting to a Private Road or Discontinue from a Class 3)– The Selectboard consisting of Jack Daniels, Mike Hogan, Fred Ducharme, and Road Commissioner, Karen Deasy on May 8, 2018 did a walk thru and visually inspected the road. No landowners were present at the time of the walk. No one was present at this hearing, however, a letter was received stating there was no problem with discontinuance. They did state that they would like to have the ditches cut. Karen stated that the road crew does have it on their summer list to do.
 - c. Town Highway 44, Bermingham Road (converting to a Private Road or Discontinue from a Class 3)– The Selectboard consisting of Jack Daniels, Mike Hogan, Fred Ducharme, and Road Commissioner, Karen Deasy, on May 8, 2018 did a walk thru and visually inspected the road. Ted and Norma Bermingham was not present at the walk through, but the Board met with them after the walk thru. Ted and Norma Bermingham were present at the hearing. They stated they had no objection to discontinuing this road. They did ask if Forest and Parks had any objection to having a gate installed at the end of the road. Karen advised that Forest and Parks were notified and they had no comments. Ted Bermingham then wanted to know how soon they could put up a gate. Karen advised that there will be Findings published within 60 days after the Selectboard approves these road reclassifications and or discontinuances at the June 5, 2018. Once the Findings are published they will be able to install the gate.
 - d. Town Highway 55, 1348 RT 215 South (converting to a Private Road or Discontinue from a Class 4) – The Selectboard consisting of Mike Hogan, Jack Daniels, Fred Ducharme, and Road Commissioner, Karen Deasy on May 15, 2018 did a walk thru and visually inspected the road. There was no one present during the walk thru. There was no one present at the Hearing, however, a letter was sent in full support of the discontinuance of the road.

- e. Town Highway 57 (converting to a Legal Trail from a Class 3) – The Selectboard consisting of Mike Hogan, Jack Daniels, Fred Ducharme, and Road Commissioner, Karen Deasy on May 15, 2018 did a walk thru and visually inspected the road. Leonard Spencer was present, but did not do the walk thru. Leonard Spencer and Gary Katz were present at the Hearing. Ruth Neuwirth (adjoining landowner) had no objection to reverting it to a Legal Trail. Leonard Spencer also stated that he has no objection to a Legal Trail. Gary also wants it to be a Legal Trail, but he wanted to know why the people living on this road do not have 911 addresses as the State Police do come to his house when they cannot find where the people live. Michelle stated that in order to get a 911 address you need three or more house sites on the road.
5. Close Testimony – Once the roads are reclassified or discontinued, they will no longer be maintained by the Town. A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Bernie to close the Testimony. Motion carried.
6. Other Business – There was no other business.
7. Close Hearing – A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Bernie to adjourn the Hearing. Motion carried and the Hearing was closed at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer