

SELECTBOARD MEETING FOR REVIEW OF ROAD RECLASSIFICATIONS HEARINGS
AUGUST 7, 2018, 5:00 P.M.

Those attending: Mike Hogan, Fred Ducharme, Bernie Shatney, Jack Daniels, Karen Deasy, Andrew Gilbert, Richard Aronson, Don Mitchell, Jeff Haslett, Steve Cox, Michelle Leclerc, and Betty Ritter

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda – A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Bernie. There was no discussion. Motion passed.
3. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
4. Review Hearing Findings & Discussion- Mike reviewed the site inspection and the hearing minutes. The Selectboard will be making a final decision on the following roads at the next meeting -Tuesday, August 21, 2018.
 - a. Town highway 54 – Previously connected from Carpenter Road into Marshfield. The Marshfield end of it has been discontinued. Cabot is a small part and no one has used it in a long time. Fred suggests we discontinue it.
 - b. Town Highway 63 – similar to the Birmingham's driveway goes to the farm of Sue Carpenter's. There are two houses, a farm and two businesses. Karen commented that if we do it for one person and not for others this isn't right and we are setting a precedent. Rich Aronson asked about it being a business would make a different? We are not sure. Fred commented on that everyone is a different situation. Fred is looking for keeping it as a road. Jack would like to get a list of everyone who falls in this category. Karen commented that there are two roads that are farms that the town maintains. There are three other private residential drives that are on the list. Fred is looking at the whole picture not putting them in all one category. Richard Aronson agreed with Fred. Mike is wondering what class the highway is for that road. It's treated like a regular class 3 road. Bernie would like to leave the road the way it is.
 - c. Town Highway 43 Wheeler Road – All owners on the road would like to change it to a private gated road. Fred is for them having a private gated road like they have requested. Andrew Gilbert commented that the road goes into Town and State Park. Also, concerned about emergency services getting in down there road. Karen commented that the road is not passable after ½ a mile. The lower section that goes down to Route 2 has been discontinued for a long time. The land owners have expressed some concerns to have a public right of way. Not interested in opening to the public to have some control over the road. Fred is wondering if we should put stipulations on that and if Andrew Gilbert would be willing to discuss it with the property owners, regarding hiking, biking and no motorized vehicles. Karen commented that the lower end has been discontinued. Andrew says that later on it could have access to the State park. Mike commented that Rick Smith at the last meeting noted people have stolen chainsaws and other items from his property and left a lot of litter and trash. Karen will give Andrew names and contact info.
 - d. Town Highway 64 Goodrich's Farm – Fred asked Karen about comments from the owners. They are concerned when it will be discontinued to know when to plow since they have the equipment to do that. Mike is wondering if they have anything in writing. Karen will get that and Fred will also contact them. Mike said this is almost the same size but it is smaller than Town Highway 63. A decision will be made on the next select board meeting. Jack will inspect these roads prior to the meeting on 8/21/2018.
5. Other business – None.
6. Adjourn - A motion was made by Fred with a second by Bernie, motion passed. We adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ritter, Town Clerk/Treasurer