

FINAL

**CLASS VI ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Remote via Microsoft Teams
LebanonNH.gov/Live
Thursday, September 16th, 2021
6:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Wood, Erling Heistad, Joan Monroe, Barbara Hirai, Colin Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marc Coleman

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Goodwin (GIS Coordinator)

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Stephen Wood called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 2nd, 2021

Mr. Heistad MOVED to approve the September 2nd, 2021, Minutes as presented in the September 16th, 2021 agenda packet.

Seconded by Ms. Hirai.

** The Vote on the MOTION was unanimously approved (5-0).*

3. STUDY ITEMS:

A. Review and Discussion of the Class VI Road #42-Continued from September 2nd, 2021: Mr. Goodwin started the discussion by going over what was discussed at the last meeting on Road #42. Several committee members said they had walked the Road and saw some stone walls along the way. Chair Wood said it was very hard to deny the existence of the Road. He then went to the members of the public to allow them to speak.

Mr. Charlie Henry, 37 Poverty Lane, spoke about Road #42. He said he was not aware of the right of way and did not know where the path of the Road was, but he said it looked to him that it went right through his house. He thought that issue needed to be resolved. Chair Wood said that everyone who has walked the Road agreed that it exists. He explained where the Road layout was. He said it met the gold standard to prove that the Road was a public road.

Chair Wood read a letter into the record from Mr. Henry.

No one else from the public spoke.

Mr. Heistad MOVED that the Class VI Road Committee recommends that the Lebanon City Council reclassify Road #42, a Class VI Road, as a Class A Municipal Trail as defined in RSA 231-A:1(I). The location of which to be generally described as extending from the furthest northerly portion of the Old Kings Highway to Poverty Lane, as depicted within the September 2nd, 2021 Class 6 Road agenda packet, with a specific layout description contained within the Lebanon Town

Records Book, Volume I. The committee further recommends that Road #42 be subject to the following public trail use restrictions: Permitted means of travel shall be by foot, skis, and snowshoes. Notwithstanding these permissions, none of these uses shall be allowed in a manner, or in conditions that will encourage erosion, or otherwise damage the trail. All wheeled vehicles or motorized vehicles, on or off road, shall be prohibited, excepting the allowed vehicular uses of abutting landowners for access of their land as set forth in RSA 231-A:1(I). The Public Works Director shall cause to be placed legible signs at the entrance to trail describing the restrictions contained herein, as provided by RSA 231-A:4.

Seconded by Ms. Monroe.

Discussion was had among the Committee members about the restrictions that were given in the Motion.

** The Vote on the MOTION was unanimously approved (5-0).*

Mr. Heistad MOVED that the Class VI Road Committee recommends that the Lebanon City Council discontinue all claims to Road #42 North of Poverty Lane extending to U.S. Route 4.

Seconded by Ms. Monroe.

** The Vote on the MOTION was unanimously approved (5-0).*

4. OTHER BUSINESS: Discussion was had about the different Road signage that had been seen on some of the Roads recently. The Class VI Roads committee would like DPW to erect temporary signs on the Roads that have been discussed and motions made on.

Mr. Goodwin will not be in Town during the next scheduled Class VI Roads meeting. It was decided that the next scheduled meeting would be October 21st, 2021.

Discussion was had on what kind of notice the City of Lebanon makes to the public on the discussion of Class VI Roads. Attorney Decker said that the City of Lebanon went over and above with the information that was provided about the discussion on Class VI Roads.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Review and Discussion of Class VI (6) Road #44

B. Review and Discussion of Class VI (6) Road #46

6. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None

7. ADJOURNMENT:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM.

The MOTION was seconded by Ms. Heistad.

** The Vote on the MOTION was unanimously approved (5-0).*

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Higgins
Recording Secretary