

FINAL

**CLASS VI ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Remote via Microsoft Teams
LebanonNH.gov/Live
Thursday, October, 21st, 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: Vice Chair Colin Smith called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 16th, 2021

Mr. Heistad MOVED to approve the September 16th, 2021, Minutes as presented in the October 21st, 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 Class VI Roads #44 and #46: Mr. Goodwin said that the Class VI Roads Committee had reviewed these two roads back in 2014/2015. At that time, the Committee recommended that these two roads stay Class VI Roads. Mr. Goodwin went over the template that had previously been worked on for Road #46. He noted that there was prescriptive evidence of the existence of the road as well as it being shown on several maps such as the Torbert map and the 1892 Hurd Atlas. There was partial stone wall evidence and right of way evidence. The road supported hiking and the right of way evidence was distinguishable, barely. The road did not support any type of vehicle use and the only evidence of road damage was from a stream that ran down it. Mr. Goodwin continued to go over the template.

Discussion took place among the members about the various possible uses of the road in the future. They discussed if it was possible to ride a mountain bike on the road or just hike along the road.

Mr. Goodwin was contacted by Dave and Judy Jorgenson by email. Mr. Jorgenson submitted photos in his email. They conveyed that they felt it would be extremely difficult to increase the intensity of the use of the road. They had some concern if increased use was proposed because their septic system was very close to the border of the right of way. They indicated they would be comfortable if the Road stayed as a Class VI Road, and they were comfortable if it was made into a Class A Trail or discontinued.

Mr. Ralph Horak, who lives on Daisy Hill Road on the other side of the Jorgenson's residence, said he echoed everything that was said by the Jorgenson's.

Ms. Maureen McNulty asked the Committee to explain the difference between a Class A or a Class B Trail.

Mr. Heistad MOVED that the Class VI Road Committee recommend that the Lebanon City Council reclassify Road #46, 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 Storrs Hill Road, easterly to where it intersects with Daisy Hill and Morse Road, as depicted within the October 21st 2021 Class VI Road agenda packet. The committee further recommends that Road #46 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. Hirai.

Roll Call Vote:

Erling Heistad, Barbara Hirai, Joan Monroe, Stephen Wood, and Colin Smith all voting Yea.
None voted Nay.

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

The next road discussed was Road #44. Mr. Goodwin went over the template that had been previously worked on by the Class VI Roads Committee back in 2014/2015. The existing evidence was quite like Road #46. There were several maps, such as the Torbert map, with the Road depicted on it as well as field evidence such as some stone walls. The Road would support hiking and there was no evidence of misuse.

Mr. Goodwin did not find any evidence of a discontinuance of the Road. It was also discussed that the Road would not support bike riding on it.

Committee members spoke on their experiences walking along Road #44 and what they saw along the road.

Maureen McNulty, who lives north of Road #44, said it was very nice Road for hiking. She didn't mind people walking along her front yard, but she would not want driving to be allowed. Kristen McGee said she agreed with what Ms. McNulty said.

Mr. Goodwin continued to go through the template for Road #44. Mr. Goodwin relayed that Mr. Marc Coleman sent an email saying he was ok with the Class VI Road designation, that was his preference. Chair Wood said he thought the road should really be a Class A trail.

Mr. Heistad MOVED that the Class VI Road Committee recommend that the Lebanon City Council reclassify Road #44, a Class VI Road, as a Class A Municipal Trail as defined in RSA 231-A:1(I). The location of which is to be generally described as extending from the eastern terminus of Morse Road, easterly toward the Meridien Road, as depicted within the October 21st 2021 Class VI Road agenda packet. The committee further recommends that Road #44 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 Mr. Wood.

Roll Call Vote:

Erling Heistad, Barbara Hirai, Joan Monroe, Stephen Wood, and Colin Smith all voting Yea. None voted Nay.

*****The vote on the motion was approved by those present (4-0-).***

4. OTHER BUSINESS: Discussion was had on whether to pause the Class VI Roads Committee meetings for a few months until the City Council could catch up on the recommendations the Committee has already sent to them.

Chair Wood agreed with that thought but was not sure why Baker Road had not been sent to the City Council. It was proposed that the Committee would meet one more time before pausing the meetings to make a recommendation on Baker Road, but the decision was made to leave the scheduling to be determined by the Chair. They will hold that meeting on Thursday, November 4th, 2021.

Ms. Hirai asked if the Committee would be taking up the discussion of signage again? They spoke about having temporary signs put up.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Re-visit Baker Road

6. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None

7. ADJOURNMENT:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Wood to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.

The MOTION was seconded by Ms. Heistad.

Roll Call Vote:

Erling Heistad, Barbara Hirai, Joan Monroe, Stephen Wood, and Colin Smith all voting Yea. None voted Nay.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Higgins
Recording Secretary