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**LEBANON CLASS VI ROADS – ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CITY CHAMBERS, CITY HALL OR
Remote Via Microsoft Teams
LebanonNH.gov/Live
January 5, 2023
6:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Wood (Chair) (remote), Marc Coleman, Erling Heistad, Colin Smith (Vice Chair), Barbara Hirai

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Goodwin (GIS Coordinator)

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Wood called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 1, 2022

Mr. Heistad MOVED to approve the December 1, 2022 minutes, as presented.

Seconded by Ms. Hirai.

** The Vote on the MOTION was approved by roll call: Barbara Hirai – aye; Erling Heistad – aye; Colin Smith – aye; Marc Coleman – aye; Chair Wood – aye; (5-0-0).*

3. STUDY ITEMS

A. Review and Discussion of Class 6 Rd #2 - Dorset Lane

Mr. Goodwin explained that, at the end of the last meeting, the sentiment of the group was that there was not enough evidence to support Dorset Lane as a right of way. This was not framed as a motion, however. The Board can discuss the proposed motion in order to forward the recommendation to the City Council.

Mr. Heistad MOVED that the Class VI Advisory Committee inform the Lebanon City Council of its conclusion that Dorset Lane, beyond the right-of-way accepted as part of the Dorset Lane sub-division, is not, nor ever has been, a public right of way. Map and ground evidence show the existence of a road that appears to have served private properties. But the proscriptive evidence is insufficient to confirm any historical or current public right to Dorset Lane. Seconded by Mr. Smith.

** The Vote on the MOTION was approved by roll call: Barbara Hirai – nay; Erling Heistad – aye; Colin Smith – aye; Marc Coleman – aye; Chair Wood – aye; (4-1-0).*

B. Review and Discussion of Class 6 Rd #30 - Ticknor Road

Mr. Goodwin explained that this is a broad conversation to start. This group has reviewed approximately 55 features within the City to determine current and historical physical evidence,

along with prescriptive evidence, such as historic maps or references in public meetings. The Board considers if there has ever been a discontinuance of these features as well. Specific to Ticknor, the group last discussed this in 2014/2015. The City owns land on either side of this area, where it dead ends in a field. Some historic maps show that this feature may not have ended but continued northward. There are three potential pieces of this feature to discuss: Slayton Hill east to the end of the City property, a potential continuation east connecting to a north/south piece, and the north/south piece being the third piece.

Chair Wood stated that the north/south piece starts between the two Townsend farms and runs north. Once across Great Brook, it runs northeast to Meriden Road. Ticknor Road runs east from Slayton Hill and at some point connects with that road.

Mr. Goodwin noted that Victoria Carver, who lives off Slayton Hill, is very interested in being part of this conversation but was unable to attend this meeting.

The group reviewed a number of historic maps of the property. Mr. Goodwin explained that, without the road layout description in the Town record books, there is only prescriptive evidence of this right of way. There is also a question as to which feature is the one to focus on. Per the 1855 Hurd Map, if a road is shown, there is a good chance it was a right of way or well-traversed route. There is a small stub of the western end of Ticknor shown on the Hurd map. Mr. Goodwin stated he interprets this as there being a road in the area which was possibly no longer well used. The 1860 Wailing map does not show a north/south feature, but an east/west feature terminating the pest house. This aligns with Torbet's reference of it being used in the early 1800s and less toward the late 1800s. No features are depicted in the 1892 map.

Chair Wood stated that the north/south road leaves the historic maps to the north between the two Townsend farms. This is shown differently on some of the more recent maps, which is one of the reasons he would like the three pieces to be considered separately.

Mr. Goodwin explained that the consideration is if there is a public right of way from Slayton Hill with an eastern boundary of the City-owned parcel. There is a neighbor on the west side of Slayton Hill who states that the area near her is not a public right of way. Ticknor Road divides the City-owned piece of land in this area.

The Board considered to first discuss the piece which runs from Slayton Hill Road to the Ticknor Hill farm. The group will use the template it has used in the past. Chair Wood suggested that the group could consider the north/south road first from Storrs Hill Road to the Croydon Turnpike, to determine if there was a destination for Ticknor Road. Mr. Goodwin agreed that if there was never a north/south feature, then there is an emphasis placed on the pest house. There is then a larger question as to if Ticknor served a public purpose.

The group agreed to review this north/south road at its next meeting. Permission was given for group members to walk the land.

4. OTHER BUSINESS – None at this time

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – *None at this time*

6. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC– *None at this time*

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Heistad MOVED to adjourn.

Seconded by Mr. Smith.

**** The Vote on the MOTION was approved by roll call: Barbara Hirai – aye; Erling Heistad – aye; Colin Smith – aye; Marc Coleman – aye; Chair Wood – aye; (5-0-0).***

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristan Patenaude

Recording Secretary