

FINAL

**CLASS VI ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Remote via Microsoft Teams
LebanonNH.gov/Live
Thursday, January 7th, 2021
6:30 PM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Goodwin (GIS Coordinator)

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Stephen Wood called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM

- Mr. Mark Goodwin reviewed the meeting procedures for remote meetings and NH RSA 91-A “Right to Know” requirements. A Roll Call of Commission Members who participated remotely are listed above.
- Mr. Goodwin explained that he has created an e-mail list and would be sending out pertinent information to anyone who is interested in the Class VI Roads Advisory meetings. If you would like to be added to the list or know someone who may be interested, please let Mr. Goodwin know.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 3rd, 2020

Mr. Heistad MOVED to approve the December 3rd, 2020 Minutes as presented in the January 7th, 2021 agenda packet as amended.

Seconded by Ms. Monroe.

Amendments:

Page 3, Line 24 Add “rather” after the word “sooner”

Page 3, Line 36 Add “about” after “continued”

Roll Call Vote:

Erling Heistad, Barbara Hirai, Joan Monroe, Stephen Wood, Marc Coleman and Colin Smith all voting Yea.

None voted Nay.

** The Vote on the MOTION was approved (6-0).*

3. OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Heistad MOVED to change the meeting agenda’s order and move Other Business to Number 3 on the agenda.

Seconded by Ms. Monroe.

Roll Call Vote:

Erling Heistad, Barbara Hirai, Joan Monroe, Stephen Wood, Marc Coleman and Colin Smith all voting Yea.

None voted Nay.

*** *The Vote on the MOTION was approved (6-0).***

Discussion was had among the Advisory Board about previous Motions that had been made by the Class VI Roads Advisory Board and forwarded to the City Council.

Mr. Heistad MOVED to reconsider the Barden Hill Motion.

Seconded by Ms. Monroe.

Discussion was had among the Class VI Roads Advisory Board.

Mr. Heistad MOVED that the Class VI Roads Advisory Committee recommend that the Lebanon City Council reclassify Barden Hill Road, a class VI Road, as a Class A Municipal Trail as defined in RSA 231-A:1(1), extending from the intersection of Barden Hill Road and Downer Road, easterly over the top of Methodist Hill to the Methodist Hill Road near Exit 16 on Interstate 89, referencing Draft Map dated 7th of January 2021. The Committee further recommends that Barden Hill Road be subject to the following public trail use restrictions: Permitted means of travel shall be a) by foot, skis, snowshoes, and horses, b) bicycles, ridden appropriately for a multipurpose trail, when the city deems that the conditions of the trail warrant their use, and c) snowmobiles, ridden appropriately for a multipurpose trail, when snow cover is adequate to warrant their use. 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 other wheeled or motorized vehicles, on or off road, shall be prohibited, excepting the allowed vehicular uses of abutting landowners for access to uses of their land as set forth in RSA 231-A:1(1). The Public Works Director shall cause to be posted legible signs at the entrance to the 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, Marc Coleman and Colin Smith all voting Yea.

None voted Nay.

*** *The Vote on the MOTION was approved (6-0).***

4. STUDY ITEMS: Overview of remaining right-of-way subject to review and recommendation:

Mr. Goodwin went over the 4 categories of Class VI Roads that were left for the Advisory Board to go over. There were 1 or 2 Roads that the Advisory Board decided on in the past with the recommendation being to discontinue those Roads. The City Council had not acted on those recommendations yet. There were about ½ dozen Roads that the Board recommended making into Class A Trails that the City Council had not acted on yet. There was another ½ dozen Roads that the Advisory Board motioned to recommend keeping as Class VI Roads. The recommendation to the City council was to affirm that decision. The last category had 4 or 5 Roads that still needed a recommendation made to the City Council.

Mr. Goodwin and the Board went over Road #42 and #43 that had been recommended for discontinuance in the past.

Mr. Heistad MOVED to recommend to City Council to discontinue Road #43. The Class VI Roads Advisory Board will re-look at Road #42 before making a recommendation on it.

Seconded by Ms. Monroe.

Discussion was had among the Board members on Road #42. It was decided that the Motion to the City Council should make no reference to Road #42, just Road #43.

Mr. Heistad MOVED to amend that the Class VI Roads Advisory Committee recommends to the City Council that they hereby discontinue completely, in its entirety, and relinquish any right, title or interest in all portions of unnamed Class VI Road #43 (off Old Kings Highway and Poverty Lane) traveling from Poverty Lane in a west/northwesterly direction to Interstate 89.

Seconded by Ms. Monroe.

Roll Call Vote:

Stephen Wood, Erling Heistad, Joan Monroe, Barbara Hirai, Marc Coleman and Colin Smith all voting Yea.

None voted Nay.

*** The Vote on the MOTION passed (6-0).**

The next category for discussion was the recommendation of Class VI Roads being moved to Class A Trails. Mr. Goodwin brought up Road #7 to discuss first. The Board members discussed the past recommendation on the Road. The Board agreed to leave the recommendation for Road #7 to go from a Class VI Road to a Class A Trail and to have the Trail moved over onto City owned property.

The next road discussed was Baker Lane. Chair Wood recused himself from the discussion on Baker Lane. Mr. Smith took over as Chair for the discussion. Mr. Heistad would like to see the Lane turned into a Class A Trail. Ms. Monroe remembered walking the Lane years ago and said that it ended up in someone's backyard and did not feel comfortable walking on the Lane as it reached that point.

Mr. Ron Bailey clarified details of Baker Lane. He explained that the Lane came up into a large, open field. The Townsend family mows that field. The Lane ends at a corral on Storrs Hill Road.

Ms. Monroe felt uncomfortable with the Trail going through so close to the home on the property. She would like to see signs go up to try to keep people out of the home's yard. Discussion continued among the Board members about Baker Lane.

Mr. Robert Townsend lives in the house that is near the Lane. He explained that they tried to fix up the Lane a long time ago. He can not remember any vehicles ever going along that Lane. He said that his family has never stopped anyone from walking along that Lane. A decision was made to re-visit the recommendation on Baker Lane at another meeting.

The next Road discussed was Road #28 which was a segment of Old King's Highway which connected the end of Storrs Hill Road with Farnum Hill Road. The decision in the past was to change the Road to a Class A Trail. The Board discussed the Road. Mr. Bailey described the path of the Road.

Mr. Heistad MOVED to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.
Seconded by Ms. Monroe.

Roll Call Vote:

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

*** The Vote on the MOTION passed (6-0).**

The Board decided that the original recommendation that the Board made to change Road #28 from a Class VI Road to a Class A Trail should stand as is.

Chair Stephen Wood returned to the Committee.

The last Road that the Board went over was Road #57. It is located in the northeast corner of Lebanon. Mr. Heistad believed that the Road should become a Class A Trail. Mr. Ron Bailey explained the Enfield and Lebanon sections of the Road.

Ms. Heistad MOVED to extend the meeting 15 minutes.
Seconded by Ms. Hirai.

Roll Call Vote:

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

*** The Vote on the MOTION passed (6-0).**

The Board decided to leave the recommendation to the City Council to change the Road from a Class VI Road to a Class A Trail.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Review 7 Class VI Roads to see if the Board would like to recommend to City Council that they stay Class VI Roads.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

A MOTION was made by Ms. Monroe to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM.
The MOTION was seconded by Ms. Hirai.

Roll Call Vote:

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

*** The Vote on the MOTION was approved (6-0).**

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Higgins
Recording Secretary