

FINAL

**CLASS VI ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Remote via Microsoft Teams
LebanonNH.gov/Live
Thursday, March 18th, 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

- 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: February 18th, 2021

Mr. Heistad MOVED to approve the February 18th, 2021 Minutes as amended and presented in the March 18th, 2021 agenda packet.

Seconded by Mr. Smith.

Amendments:

Page 2, Line 7 Replace “Boston Lot” with “Landmark 31”

Page 2, Line 37 Change “Curley” to “Perley”

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).***

3. STUDY ITEMS:

A. Review and Discussion of the Class VI Portion of the Monica Road (#11) Continued-Chair Wood asked if there was any more conversation needed on Monica Road. Mr. Heistad said he thought the Road was ready for a Motion to be made on it.

Mr. Heistad MOVED that the Class VI Roads Advisory Committee recommend that the Lebanon City Council reclassify a portion of the Class VI Road section of Monica Road as a Class A

Municipal Trail as defined in RSA 231-A:1(1). The reclassified Class A Trail would run southerly, from the driveway access point serving the residence located at 32 Monica Road, to the Road's intersection with Eastman Hill Road, as shown on the City of Lebanon Draft Class VI Roads Map, printed May 2014. The Committee further recommends that Monica 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 vehicles or motorized vehicles, on or off road, shall be prohibited, excepting the allowed vehicular uses of abutting landowners for access to 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. Monroe.

Chair Wood spoke on the difficulty deciding on the Road because part of the Road was a Class V Road, and another section was a Class VI Road. He felt that this Motion would help to protect the homeowners and the Road that they use.

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).***

B. Review and Discussion of the Class VI portion of Alden Road (#5)-Mr. Goodwin went over the template that was filled out in 2008. Mr. Goodwin moved the marks on that template over to the new, 2021 template. In Step 1 the evidence supporting the creation of the Road was prescriptive. It checked all the boxes in terms of representation on various maps such as the Torbert series and US GS Maps. There was also clear treadway and stonewalls along significant sections of the Road.

Mr. Bailey did not recall a cellar hole on roadway, even though the 2008 template had one checked off. Ms. Monroe said that she had a vague recollection of the cellar hole at the northern end of the Road by Stevens Road. She said she would like to look for it when the snow had cleared.

Mr. Goodwin said there was no evidence of discontinuance. For Current Field Conditions of the Road the historical row was distinguishable spot was checked off. Erosion issues on the Road was checked off. It was also shown that it was walkable and hike-able and it could possibly be traveled by a 4X4.

Mr. Bailey said that there was some erosion on the northern end from the Morse driveway south, the drainage there had been very poor, and the water was eroding the Road. Beyond the south end of the Signal Hill area the culvert at the stream had been blocked up allowing water to run down the Road causing further erosion. Further south, just north of the Dorothy Perley Road intersection and the power lines, approximately 250 yards of that section of Road had very deep ruts.

Under Current Uses the Board wondered if the snowmobile club used the Road as a trail. Mr. Bailey said they did not groom the Road, so they did not use it as a trail. Ms. Mary Lamert, 161 Alden Road, said that as owners of the Road they did use it frequently to go snowmobiling. Pedestrian hikers were checked

off. Wheeled vehicles do use a part of the Road to get to their home. Mr. Smith said the Road was used by mountain bikers.

Ms. Lamert said that vehicles went up and down the Road all the time, not necessarily in the winter, but for the rest of the year. She was not sure that they should, but they did. She did say that neighbors up the Road used it to get to their residence.

The Emergency Road Access spot was checked off as being able to be used for that reason. More discussion took place on the Potential Future Users. Abutters and landowners were notified about this meeting. The meeting was posted for the public to view.

No one disagreed that Alden Road was a public right of way. Chair Wood explained the difference between a Class VI Road and a Class A Trail to the public.

Ms. Lamert said she did not want the Road made into a Class V Road but was ok with it being a Class VI Road. There were vehicles currently going up the Road to go mudding and were also tearing up the fields. She wondered if it could be posted to no vehicular traffic during mud season. She said she did have neighbors who used the Road to get to their driveway.

The Board discussed keeping it a Class VI Road to the last driveway on the Road and then turning the rest of the Road into a Class A Trail. Ms. Pam Booma, next door neighbor to Ms. Lamert on Stevens Road, said she agreed with what Ms. Lamert said about the Road possibly going from a Class VI Road to a Class A Trail after the last driveway on the Road.

Ms. Hirai asked if they could discuss the Road in sections to make it clearer to understand. Mr. Bailey gave a description of the Road in detail to the Board. The Board discussed whether they were ready to make a Motion on Alden Road or not. Ms. Hirai said it made sense to turn part of the Road into a Class A Trail to help protect it from erosion.

Chair Wood said they could try to make a Motion or wait. Mr. Heistad said he would like to hear from the landowners at the end of the Road. The Board decided they would give all the landowners another chance to be heard on Alden Road before they made a Motion on the Road.

C. Review and Discussion of the Class VI portion of Dorothy Perley Road (#4)- Mr. Goodwin told the Board that Mr. Slack, who owned the abutting property on the right side of Dorothy Perley Road called him. Mr. Slack conveyed concerns of there being misuse of the Road but did say he used it to get firewood. He did have some concern about occasional vehicles going up and down the Road.

Mr. Goodwin went over the template for the Road. Under Prescriptive Evidence the Road did not show up on many maps. Under Field Evidence the treadway was evident, stonewalls were evident, but there were no cellar holes found on the Road. Mr. Bailey spoke further on the Field Evidence of the Road. He said it had a beautiful treadway with very little erosion.

Mr. Goodwin continued to go over the template. He said there was no evidence of discontinuance. Under Current Field Condition of the Road there was minor erosion, but it was not overgrown with plants. It could be driven on, but not suggested to do so during mud season.

Ms. Lamert said that snowmobilers did use the Road. Hikers did use the Road as well as mountain bikers. There were no driveways on the section of Road under discussion. Ms. Lamert said someone did use the Road as a throughway. The Board continued discussing the Road and how it was used.

Chair Wood said it was his inclination to turn the Road into a Class A Trail. Mr. Heistad said he thought they should make the Road a Class A Trail. He felt it was in Mr. Slack's best interest. Ms. Mary said that she was OK with a Class A Trail, but without gates. Mr. Dick Booma said he did not think the Road needed to be turned into a Class A Trail.

***Mr. Heistad MOVED to extend the meeting to 8:15 PM.
Seconded by Ms. Hirai.***

Roll Call Vote:

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

**** The Vote on the MOTION passed (5-0).***

The Board and public continued to discuss the Road and whether to leave it as a Class VI Road or change it to a Class A Trail. The Board decided they would put off making any decisions on the Road until the next meeting. The Board expressed their appreciation to the abutters who attended the meeting and gave their opinions on the process.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

***A MOTION was made by Ms. Monroe to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM.
The MOTION was seconded by Mr. Heistad.***

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Higgins
Recording Secretary