

FINAL

**CLASS VI ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Remote via Microsoft Teams
LebanonNH.gov/Live
Thursday, May 6th, 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 6:31 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: April 1st, 2021

Ms. Monroe MOVED to approve the April 1st, 2021 Minutes as presented in the May 6th, 2021 agenda packet.

Seconded by Mr. 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).***

3. STUDY ITEMS:

A. Review and Discussion of the Class VI Portion of Dorothy Perley Road (#4) Continued: Chair Wood reviewed where the Road that they were going to discuss was located and which part of the Road they were concentrating on.

Mr. Goodwin brought up a map of Dorothy Perley Road to show the section of Road to be discussed. Mr. Goodwin then brought up, for review, the Class VI Road template for review. He went over that there were stonewalls visible and that the right of way was visible and checked off the maps the Road was visible on.

Under current field condition of the Road, under passable by auto, the Committee put “Marginal” for that area. Mr. Goodwin said after reviewing the Road recently he said he thought no vehicle should be up there unless damage did not matter to the driver. Mr. Heistad agreed and said it was very wet up there.

Ms. Hirai said that Ms. Monroe, Ms. Sarah Riley, Ms. Sue Kaplan, and herself all went for a walk up in the area recently. They took photos and she pointed out that in the photos you could see how deeply incised the Road was.

Mr. Heistad said he also had walked up there recently, and that the Road had deep ruts at the hill. He said he thought it had erosion issues.

Chair Wood said that it could be passable by a 4X4. Discussion was had on the damage on the Road. Ms. Sue Kaplan, abutter to the Road spoke on the Road, she said it was not just the erosion on the Road causing the deep ruts but people going 4-wheeling on the Road when it was wet.

Mr. Smith agreed that he has seen 4-wheel use on the Road with trucks leaving deep ruts. Ms. Kaplan said that she was concerned about the condition of the Road.

Mr. Smith said that the Road did support mountain biking when it was dry. It was discussed that hikers could use the Road. Ms. Kaplan said that she had never seen or heard a snowmobile on the Road. Mr. Goodwin pointed out that Mr. Slack indicated that he still wanted to be able to bring his truck up the Road to get firewood.

Discussion was had on potential future uses of the Road and all boxes were checked off with a yes. Outreach activity had been done. The next discussion was on whether the Road should be a Class VI Road or a Class A Trail. Chair Wood went over the difference between a Class VI Road and a Class A Trail and discussion was had among the Board members.

Ms. Kaplan said she was not clear about if the Trail could be posted with signage during wet seasons or not. Chair Wood explained what was usually said in a Motion and explained that in the future signs would be posted. He said the Board was just working on the wording of the signs to be posted.

Mr. Heistad MOVED that the Class VI Road Committee recommends that the Lebanon City Council reclassify the following portion of the Class VI part of Dorothy Perley Road, as a Class A Municipal Trail, as defined in RSA 231-A:1(1)2. The reclassified portion shall begin at the northern end of the Class VI part of the Dorothy Perley Road and run northerly to the point where Alden Road intersects with Dorothy Perley Road as shown on the City of Lebanon Draft Class VI Roads Map, printed May 2014. The Committee further recommends this reclassified Class A portion of Dorothy Perley Road be subject to the following public trail use restrictions: Permitted means of travel shall be A) feet, skis, snowshoes; B) horses and 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 the 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 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.

Before a second was made, Chair Wood asked if he could make some minor suggestions to change the wording of the Motion. He said in the beginning of the Motion Mr. Heistad mentioned a portion of the Class VI section of Dorothy Perley and asked to clarify that it should be the entirety of the Class VI portion of Dorothy Perley Road. Chair Wood also mentioned that Mr. Heistad talked about it going from the northern part of the Class VI portion and it should say the Class V portion of the Road. Mr. Heistad agreed and said the secretary could make those changes.

An amended reading of the Motion did not take place.

Seconded by Ms. Monroe.

Ms. Monroe asked Ms. Hirai and Ms. Kaplan about where Dorothy Perley turned into a Class VI Road? Mr. Goodwin asked Ms. Kaplan if she knew. Ms. Kaplan said the paved Road did not come to her driveway or the neighbor above her. She said the City stopped plowing the Road at the end of the pavement.

Chair Wood suggested that they change the Motion to allow for the people who had driveways off Dorothy Perley to still be able to reach their driveways. Mr. Goodwin clarified that Dorothy Perley would start off as a Class V Road, go to a Class VI for a short portion and then a Class A Trail.

Discussion was had on the wording for the amended Motion. Mr. Goodwin said there needed to be specificity to the Motion as to where the Class A Trail would start from the Class VI Road. Chair Wood suggested that the Motion could say 100 feet beyond the existing driveway of the existing house on the right or to the end of the property line for that property. Mr. Heistad said he thought that would work.

Chair Wood asked Ms. Kaplan what she thought? Ms. Kaplan said it was a little challenging because there was an official driveway, but then there was a little circle. She thought that 100 feet could be too long. Chair Wood asked if they went to the end of the property line would it be getting into the sensitive portion of the Road? Mr. Heistad and Ms. Kaplan both thought that would be very close to the problem area by going to the end of the property line.

Chair Wood asked what the likely hood was for someone to use the last 150 feet to tear up the Road? Mr. Heistad said he thought by saying 100 feet past the last driveway would cover the last property. Mr. Goodwin said it was about 150 feet from the last driveway to the property line. He said placing signs further up the Road could help. He also pointed out that saying any amount of feet from the end of the driveway was nebulous because they were not sure where the end of the driveway was.

Discussion was had among the Board members on the Motion and where the Class A Trail should start. Mr. Heistad volunteered to go out and measure to where the end of the last driveway was for the Motion. Ms. Monroe spoke on where she thought the Class A Trail should start and indicated it on a picture that was shown on the screen during the meeting.

Chair Wood suggested that the Motion be made to go to the end of the property corner and then make it a Class A Trail after that. He said, then Mr. Goodwin could go out there and figure out where the line should be.

Ms. Hirai asked if a sign could go up indicating that there would be a Class A Trail ahead to warn drivers, so they did not get their vehicles stuck in the mud. Chair Wood said that they could do that.

Mr. Heistad said he would modify the Motion so that it went to the property line or any distance short of the property line that was deemed appropriate. Ms. Monroe said she agreed. Chair Wood said to the Northwest corner of Map 80-3, 48 Dorothy Perley Road. He also asked if “or any distance short of the property line that was deemed appropriate” needed to be left in the Motion. Mr. Heistad agreed to take that part out.

Mr. Goodwin said that after he looked at the Road, he would let the Board know if the Motion needed to be changed or not.

Roll Call Vote:

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

None voted Nay.

**** The Vote on the MOTION was approved without amendments (5-0).***

4. OTHER BUSINESS: The meeting on May 20th, 2021 has been cancelled. There will be two meetings in June. The next meeting will be on the first Thursday in June. Discussion was had on what Road would be on the next agenda.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

A MOTION was made by Ms. Monroe to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 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