

SELECTMEN'S Public Hearing MINUTES

November 27, 2017

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees included Margo Santoro, Selectperson, Christopher Madden, Chairman of Selectmen, Charles Fosberry, Selectman, Harry Power, Compliance Officer and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several members of the public were in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Continuation of Public Hearing on the petition for Layout of Class VI Highway

Chris Madden read the review of past meetings actions.

William Philpot, Attorney representing Merriwoode, reiterated past presentations from previous hearings' attendees.

Gary Kenyon, Attorney for the Stacks, referred to the "Rogers Case" where the Supreme Court allowed for a similar access. He explained that the Stacks' petition asking for limited, reasonable access to the properties that have had access for the past 40 years.

Bob Fee, President of the Stoddard Rock Hoppers Skimobile Club hope to have the access for his club's use. He said that the 2015 blocking has prevented the groomer from being used to maintain the trails. He explained that the State of New Hampshire, Bureau of Trails has insurance to prevent anyone being sued by users of private property as a public trail, if any accident should occur.

Gerald Bernier feels the town should not get involved and that the town will not reap any benefit from the Class VI road.

Anita Pelletier reported that ropes have been installed that prevent ice fishermen from accessing land fall.

Swen Swenson reported that Merriwoode has previously allowed access for Septic System maintenance and various other maintenance needs. Now that there is a law suit in progress, they have blocked that access.

Tom Migliore, president of Merriwoode village, said that they have always allowed skimobiles to pass.

Michael Sassone reported that they have installed a rope to prevent skimobiles from ending up on the dock. He also noted that members of the Village have graded their roadway twice a year but recent heavy rains have caused damage to the roadway, which has not yet been repaired.

Monique Pelletier reported seeing vehicles being placed so skimobiles have to go on a path with rocks in it, making it treacherous to pass.

Katherine Phillips commented that her husband installed the gate at Merriwoode's request.

It was decided to meet at the first gate at the end of Valley Road at 10:00 for a site walk on December 5, 2017.

ADJOURN: Chris Madden closed the hearing at 7:50. The board will hold further deliberations at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Margo Santoro

Chris Madden

Charles Fosberry

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROAD LAYOUT HEARING CONTINUATION

7:00 PM Continuation of the hearing for the Class VI road layout petition submitted by Patrick & Kim Stack.