

SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING
October 27, 2014

PRESENT: Dick Charland, Maureen Harvey, Mo Lavanway, Marty Wells, Amy Scharf, Brian Fitzgerald, Steve Grace, John Grace, Marjorie Gormel, Ed Gormel, Don Welch, John Murphy, Beth Wilbur, Bonnie Morse, Ben MacKinney

Dick called the meeting to order at 6pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 13, 2014 Amy made motion to accept with changes, Marty second. All in favor.

CITIZENS AND VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Don Welch from the Historical Society gave a history of Crossett Hill and the Crossett Hill Association which held gatherings in the 1930's. In the 1960's a new pavilion building was built with the Crossett Hill Association Sign on the top. He would like permission to remove the sign for historical preservation.

The Graces came with questions regarding Devlin Road. John stated that in the 1960's there was nothing there. The Meakers purchased and logged the property in the 60's. Richard Villeneuve purchased the property in the 80's and did a substantial upgrade to the road. After logging he sold lots. Linda Devlin was upset that the town was using the existing town road 20 which went in front of her house and wanted them to use a different turn around. David worked with Frank Kilkenny who allowed them to turn around in his yard. The portion of the road beyond that was not used by the town, but the town issued a curb cut on that property prior to 2004. Dick questioned how the town could give a curb cut on property they didn't own and how the road was classified. Mo agreed with the letters that were sent to the board at that time that the actions of the previous board were questionable. Everyone agreed that the town has used and maintained the road to the Kilkenny driveway. The town has not maintained road beyond that point. There is no record of any classification of the road beyond that point. Mo explained the classification system and asked what they are looking for. The classification of trail and Class 4B do not get service from the town. They would have to bring it up to class 4A to receive service. Dick explained that we have had to differentiate the class 4 A and B. John would like the terminus determined and the classification done.

Bonnie Morse came to notify the board that she is circulating a petition to change the term of office for the treasurer and town clerk from three year to a one year term.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT

They had a meeting October 8th and were updated on the status of the gravel pit. Mo gave them the draft of the personnel policy and they made several recommendations for the board to review.

SIGN BILLS

Dick reminded Selectboard Members the Warrants were on the table for their review and approval.

PERSONNEL POLICY

Reviewed changes for the next draft of the personnel manual. Further information will be gathered on the drug and search policies for the next draft.

RYAN ROAD

Ben reported that he had done a lot of work with a bulldozer and has brought in material. They have also made progress getting the license for the turn around. Mo and Adam will visit again before the snow falls. Mo made the motion to accept the statement below, Marty second, all in favor.

The Select Board will not consider downgrading or "throwing up" any class 4 road which is actively being upgraded from class 4B to class 4A status. "Actively" shall be defined as measurable progress being made in addressing the issues which prevent the road from meeting Class 4A criteria as defined in the Town of Duxbury Class 4 Road Policy, limited to 3 years after the town has communicated the specific criteria necessary to upgrade of the road in question. Measurable progress would be determined in an annual review with the highway foreman. If it has been determined that measurable progress has been achieved an extensions to the three year period may be granted.

The Select Board will amend the language in bullet point 2 of the letter sent to Ryan Road taxpayers to read "Add 6 inches of gravel over the exposed ledge near the A-Frame and provide signage warning grader operators that shallow ledge exists over this short stretch of road. Sign will read "SHALLOW LEDGE - RAISE BLADE". Residents acknowledge that even after upgrade to 4A status, the town will not grade this section unless a full 12 inches of cover is achieved here."

The Select Board will amend the language in bullet point 6 of the letter sent to Ryan Road taxpayers to read "Add gravel as needed to allow road to be serviced by grader"

WILDER ROAD REPAIR STATUS

Lafayette has not installed the guard rails which is the last thing needed to complete the job.

WORKMAN'S COMP REVIEW

We reviewed the numbers for Workman's comp and compared the \$10,069 that we have paid this year to the previous numbers. It appears that going forward that will be the cost along with the state increase.

CODE COMPLAINT

The propane tank has been moved. Dick is looking for an electrician to repair the cord in the vault. The hot water in the garage has been turned back on. Conduit from the generator to

the transfer switch needs to be protected and they are working on a couple ideas to protect it. Hopefully it will be resolved shortly.

DOWSVILLE

Bob Halpin called Dick and told him that he had approvals from the property owners which was not what was conveyed to Dick after he spoke to the property owners. Dick told him he did not have approval from the Weatheralls or from the town to use the culvert. Dick will investigate this further.

NEW BUSINESS

Don Welch had requested earlier to remove the sign from the Crossett Hill Association pavilion. Maureen recused herself from the vote. Marty made the motion to allow the Historical Society to remove the sign, Mo second, all in favor.

Mrs. Connelly and Mr. and Mrs. Winnie addressed the board some time ago about their roads. The response letters were drafted and are attached.

ACT 250 HEARING ON GRAVEL PIT FILL PERMIT

Mo reported that Burt Green is concerned about the status of the gravel pit and would like to have it closed. Mo spoke with John Magnus on 10/9 and he said that some of the samples taken on the hospital site were not good enough to be moved to the gravel pit. There may be four areas that passed the tests and could possibly be brought to the pit at a later. It was suggested to pursue the permit as they may have other projects that they, or another contractor, could bring fill to the pit.

Burt also wanted to know how much land the town expected to use. He was told that it would be about 10-15 acres of the 37 that are there for storage of stone, gravel and culverts. He was also not pleased at looking at all the trash that is stored there and wanted to know when he would see green grass. It is too late in the year to seed so it would be next year. The annual report for the gravel pit has been forwarded to John Grenier and has been done.

FR. LOGUE'S CAMP

The state would like to convey the property to the town which is approximately 32 +/- acres. They would retain ROW to additional parcel in back. Mo gave a description of the property. When it was discussed about the lack of access from the Crossett Hill side and possibly getting access from Dale Franklin and the Land Trust, Brian said that the land trust would be required to maintain the terms of the easement and would not be able to make a change in the easement.

BUDGET PREP

The treasurer provided the board with the current budget report. We reviewed the expenses and broke them into two categories. The categories were the ones that would incur expenses

for two of the three six months periods of the fiscal term and the ones that would incur expenses in all three.

PRATT PROPERTY CURB CUT

Fountain Forestry on the Pratt property would like to install a 40 foot 18 inch culvert which would be removed in the spring. Mo made the motion to approve the curb cut, Marty second, all in favor.

HUGHLETT CURB CUT

They want a curb cut on the Atwood road from their property at the intersection of route 100 and Atwood Road. The access on route 100 is difficult because the height of route 100 has come up substantially over time. The access is steep from the lot to Atwood Road and steep from Atwood Road to route 100. Mo made the motion to not allow the curb cut, Marty second, all in favor.

HEARING ON THE NEW TOWN PLAN

Brian said Regional Planning Commission would review the town plan after it is approved by the board. Mo was not in attendance at the last meeting and questioned zoning in areas with one acre lots. He asked if people would be required to notify the abutter of the infringement for drainage of their artesian well. Maureen made the motion to accept the revised town plan, Amy second, all in favor.

Motion was made by Marty to adjourn at 9:06 pm. Seconded by Mo, all in favor.

Submitted by Maureen Harvey 10/27/2014.

Dear Mrs. Connolly:

Thanks for your visit to the Selectboard. After you voiced your concerns to the Board about Connolly Road, we were able to confirm that the road was reclassified from a Class 3 to a Class 4 road and beyond your house is a trail. The latest State map verifies this as fact. The current State map provided, was located in the Road Foreman's office. We're sorry that the map that was located at the town office when you visited, was in fact out dated.

The Connolly road is a Class 4 Grade B which receives no maintenance from the Town. Should you choose to upgrade from a Grade B to a Grade A, you can call Adam Magee or Mo LaVanway to request them to visit the site and evaluate the road. A list of requirements that are necessary for the upgrade, will be mailed to you. Mo's telephone number is 802-371-7422 and Adam's is 802-244-6135.

Sorry for the inconvenience and we look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

Mo LaVanway
Member of Duxbury Selectboard

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Winnie

Adam and Mo have made a trip up Marshall Road and have evaluated the Class 4 portion to the large intersection. To upgrade from a Grade B to Grade A, it would include the following changes:

Driving toward the large intersection there are 2 rises in the road. The banks on the right would need to be taken down and back for view and snow placement purposes. On the 2nd rise, there is a large stone or bedrock exposed. The stone would need to be removed or bedrock lowered by 12" or gravel put over the top by 8" to 12" to cover. The road would need 3" to 4" of processed gravel for grading purposes. The large intersection would be the turnaround for the grader and truck. This would need to be licensed to the Town for liability issues, as not all of the turnaround is in the Town's right of way.

If you have any questions call Mo at 802-371-7422 or Adam at 802-244-6135.

We could also arrange a meeting on site, if necessary. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks.

Mo LaVanway
Member of Duxbury Selectboard