

Road Reclassification Hearing
Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Those present: Michael Hogan, Fred Ducharme, Bernie Shatney, Paul Wade, Colin Cashman, Richard Smith, Kathy Webster, Susan Carpenter, Karen Deasy, Kevin Geiger, CDBG, Lauren Oates, FEMA, and Michelle Leclerc

1. The meeting was called to order by Mike Hogan at 6:30 p.m. Fred 1st, Bernie 2nd to approve agenda
2. Public Comment – Paul Wade from the trails committee would like to make Wheeler Road a walking trail only. Concerned about the trail behind the Willey Building.
3. Sawmill Dam Buyout, Vermont Emergency Management – Kevin Geiger from Two Rivers Quechee regional planning who does the matching grant monies, environmental assessment of the building and the property, and also archeology research. Additional testing on the grounds will need to be done. Funding right now solo if FEMA doesn't do it. The acquisition of the property and will pay 75% of the property. 100% of the town cost getting to the closing, title search, title insurance and closing costs. Next demolition all the stuff that is there and prepares the property for dam removal. Lauren from FEMA 100% costs paid with FEMA 75% and CDBG 25% pay for the whole costs. The deadline is October 1st for CDBG and their money will be gone. Lauren explained the process of covering the project. Kevin explained how long this process will take and if it will be done by October 1st. A decision needs to be made as soon as possible. It will be discussed at the next Select board meeting on Tuesday, July 17, 2018.
4. Swear in witnesses – Michael Hogan, Selectboard Chair swore in the witnesses: Michael Hogan, Fred Ducharme, Bernie Shatney, Colin Cashman, Richard Smith, Kathy Webster and Susan Carpenter. The Hearing is to discuss reclassification or discontinuance of the subject roads. Three members of the select board members and Karen Deasy inspected the roads at 5 p.m. prior to the meeting.
5. Take testimony on the reclassification on Town Highways 54, 63, 43 (Wheeler Rd), 64:
 - a. Town Highway 54 - discontinued
 - b. Town Highway 63 –.14 miles Sue Carpenter strongly request that the road not be changed. The road is heavily traveled. A milk truck picks up every other day and other deliveries and pickups. Extreme hardship to keep her business going. There are two houses, business dairy barn and she is the Delinquent Tax Collector. She receives money to pay their delinquent taxes at her house. The Select board will make their recommendations at the next meeting on August 7, 2018.
 - c. Town Highway 43 Wheeler Road – Karen read a letter from Virginia Walker and Ralph Nesbitt. Karen read an email from Andrew Gilbert. Kathy Webster owns 340 acres that abuts the whole road. She would like to extend Wheeler Road to where she plans on building in the future. The three residents that use the road would like to keep it a private road and put a gate at the top of the road. Richard Smith has been working on that road and putting lots of his own money into it. He explained of all the damage that has been

- done to his property. He would like to have it as a gated private road. Colin Cashman also commented that he would like the road to be private and gated.
- d. Town Highway 64 – The Goodrich’s property. .08 miles Karen has spoken with Myles and Rhonda in the past. They would like notice as soon as possible so they will be able to set up winter plowing.
 6. Other Business – There was no other business.
 7. Close Hearing – A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Bernie to adjourn the Hearing. Motion carried and the Hearing was closed at 7:34 p.m.
 8. Adjourn – Fred 1st, Bernie 2nd. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Leclerc, Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer