

Townshend Select Board

Special Meeting Minutes March 28, 2009

Present:

Select Board - Alene Evans, chair; Bruce Bills; Steve Ovenden; Hedy Harris, Michael Charles

Members of the Public - June and Steve Orman; Steve Adams; Kurt Bostrom, (Road Foreman); Donna Vondle, (Army Corps of Engineers); Phil Morrisson, (Army Corps of Engineers); Cynthia Davis, (at 11:18); Richard Carusona, (at 11:18); Craig Hunt (Select Board secretary)

Call To Order: At 10:01 a.m. Evans called the meeting to order in the Townshend Town Hall and welcomed members of the public. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding individual property boundaries; the Army Corps of Engineers' right to flood land to a certain elevation, if necessary; and the Town of Townshend's obligations and authorities pertinent to an access road leading from Favreau's Corner Road on a section which was formerly Route 30, which Bostrom contended was not a Class 4 road, but an "unimproved, primitive road."

Discussion continued regarding the manner in which Favreau's Corner Road is plowed in the winter, and the Town of Townshend's limited authorities to regulate land development, except through Act 250 review.

At 10:20, Evans made a motion: **To recess the meeting and conduct a site visit on Favreau's Corner Road and adjacent lands**, seconded by Harris and carried by those present.

At 11:18, upon returning from Favreau's Corner Road, Evans reconvened the meeting, and discussion continued regarding how snow was, or could be plowed; about access to lands and development rights upon lands privately owned; and the Town of Townshend's rights, authorities and interests specific in these matters.

Evans made a motion: **To have Cynthia Davis, Irving Stowell and Steve Ovenden research the history and report on the Town of Townshend's legal standing with and obligation to that roadway which begins at the turn on Favereau's Corner Road**, seconded by Harris and carried by those present.

At the request of Ms. Davis, Evans made a motion: **To enter Executive Session at 11:30 a.m., to discuss Town Audit matters**, seconded by Harris and carried by those present.

At 11:40 a.m., Evans moved: **To leave executive session**. As a result of Executive Session, no action was taken.

Adjournment: At 11:41 a.m., Evans made a motion: **To Adjourn**, seconded by Ovenden and carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt, secretary