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Townshend Select Board  
Special Meeting Minutes  
September 24, 2012

Board Attendance: Hedy Harris, Jeff Russ, Chad Greenwood, David Dezendorf  
Attendance: Michael Charles, Sue and John Eastwood, Carol Melis, Rob Thompson, Bob DeSiervo, Irvin Stowell, Mike Bills, Mark Caisse, Perry Phoenix, Ned Phoenix.

1. Call to Order: Harris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Executive Session:
  - (a) Dezendorf MOVED to enter executive session to discuss real estate procurement. Seconded by Russ. The motion carries and the Townshend Select Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m.
  - (b) Dezendorf MOVED to leave executive session. Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion carries and the Townshend Select Board left executive session at 6:02 p.m.
  - (c) Resolution will be discussed during the remainder of the meeting.
3. Disposition of selected ancient roads: Harris explained how each road would be discussed and voted in turn. Those disputing the voted road disposition will have 45 days to make their case to the Townshend Select Board.
  - (a) Old Brookline Road: Harris MOVED to discontinue the portion of Old Brookline Road from Rt 35 traveling through Melis property to the centerline of Mill Brook listing the portion of the road remaining south of Mill Brook as a class 4 town highway. Russ seconded the motion. The motion carries with one member dissenting.
  - (b) Stage Road: Harris stated more research is needed prior to Stage Road being voted upon.
  - (c) Steifel Road: Harris MOVED to codify the section of Steifel Road extending to Jennison Cellar Hole as a class 4 town highway. Russ seconded the motion. The motion carries.
  - (d) Deer Ridge Road: Harris stated reference to this road is referenced as being from Steifel Road to Rice Farm. Harris MOVED to codify Deer Ridge Road from the existing Deer Ridge Road to Steifel Road be determined as a class 4 town highway, excluding the spur extending to Simpson Brook Road. Russ seconded the motion. The motion carries with one dissenting.
  - (e) Fessenden Cemetery Road: Harris explained no information has been found on this road.
  - (f) Barber Road: Harris MOVED to categorize Barber Road from DeSiervo driveway to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land as a class 4 town highway. Greenwood seconded the motion.
    - i. Russ MOVED to amend the motion by striking out U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land and inserting Townshend Dam Beach Access Road. Dezendorf seconded the motion. The motion to amend carries.
    - ii. The main motion carries with one dissenting.

- (g) Gale Road: Harris stated more research is needed prior to Gale Road being voted upon.
- (h) School House Road: Dezendorf MOVED to discontinue the northern 2,076' 3" of School House Road, leaving only the currently utilized road. Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion carries with one dissenting.
- (i) Fisher Road: Harris stated more research is needed prior to Fisher Road being voted upon.
- (j) Round Hill Cemetery Road: Harris stated more research is needed prior to Round Hill Cemetery Road being voted upon.
- (k) Greenwood Drive: Harris stated this road had never been adopted by the Town of Townshend. A road may exist just south of the current layout of Greenwood Drive, but more research is needed prior to Greenwood Drive being voted upon.
- (l) Phoenix Way: Harris stated she found in Volume 1, page 148, at the top of the page the adoption of this road. This can be further found as the road found as item 24 when Dauchy established Townshend Roads. (See the Townshend Town Clerk for a copy.)
  - i. Harris MOVED to declare Phoenix Way from Rt 35 to East Hill Road as a class 4 town highway. Greenwood seconded the motion. Perry Phoenix asked if the town needed to survey the road. Harris replied the road had been surveyed in Volume 1, page 148. The motion carries with one dissenting vote.
- (m) Top Notch Farm Lane: Harris MOVED to declare the section of Top Notch Farm Lane from the existing class 3 road to Deer Valley Road as a class 4 pent road. Russ seconded the motion. The motion carries.
- (n) River Dale Road: Harris MOVED to discontinue River Dale Road from the existing class 3 road to State Forest Road. Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion carries.
- (o) Rob Thompson requested clarification of what a town trail is and would it be possible for restrictions to be placed on any roads downgraded from class 4 to town trail. Harris explained the restrictions on a town trail would need to be posted by the town.

4. Adjourn: Russ MOVED to adjourn. Dezendorf seconded the motion. The Townshend Select Board Special meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

David Dezendorf, Townshend Select Board Clerk