

TOWN OF GRANVILLE
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

October 11, 2016

In Attendance:

Selectmen: Brice Hyde/Chair and Norm Arseneault

Public: Walter and Louis Engelhardt; Dave Perry; Mr. & Mrs. Benson, Mr. & Mrs. Dougherty; Mr. & Mrs. Hammond and Cheryl Sargeant.

Call to Order: 4:30 pm

Subject to Final Approval

Bruce called the meeting to order and asked Norm to take the lead. Norm explained that the hearing tonight is the second part of the proposed reclassification of the Western Slope Road and a section of the Bagley Camp Legal Trail. The matter of road reclassification can be taken up either by petition or by the board itself. The first step of the process is to examine the road and legal trail which had taken place on September 17th of this year. The hearing is the time for the public to submit written or oral testimony. It was noted that no written testimony was submitted.

Western Slope Road- This is a highway that joins Kennedy Road on the south and is referred to as Western Slope Road. This is an existing public right of way that was never discontinued and not shown on the town highway map. This road was found as not discontinued during the ancient road process and was believed that if the road was not claimed by 2010 the road would be lost but has since found this belief to be incorrect. We now know the public right of way still exists and the board will be making a decision as to what to do with it. Bruce asked for public comments regarding this particular road. Walt Engelhardt requested the road be discontinued. He stated that the road leads to nowhere and runs through his property. He also stated that he had made some improvements to the road as a drive way access. He plans to someday build a house on his property. Bruce asked if there were any other comments on the proposed reclassification of the Western Slope Road and there were none.

Bagley Camp Legal Trail – This legal trail is between the McDonald Road and Kennedy Road. Bruce asked for comments. Benson began by commenting on the work Walt did to repair damages to the Kennedy Road after the tropical storm Irene by his own initiative. The select board acknowledged their appreciation. Benson then continued with his comments of reclassification of the Bagley Trail by requesting the trail be discontinued. The legal trail crosses through his property and that the trail follows and crosses a brook and would not be accessible during high water and suggested a foot bridge would be needed. Dave Perry commented he would like to see it left as a trail. Marylyn Dougherty also commented she would like to see it left as a trail but as a foot path for walking. Norm commented that the board has the authority to restrict trails and roads regarding snow mobiles and vehicles. Norm went on to comment

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that this 700' legal trail is on the highway map. On land the trail is difficult to see. The discussion then went into the need to fix a bridge on Kennedy Road (The town intends to replace the bridge in the near future). Bruce asked if there were any more comments on the Bagley Legal Trail and there were none. In closing Dave Perry thanked Norm for all his work on the Ancient Roads.

The public Hearing adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By
Kathy Werner
Town Clerk/Treasurer