

**Town of Haverhill
Select Board
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 6:00 PM
R. E. Clifford Memorial Building
65 South Court St.
Woodsville, NH 03785
Or on ZOOM**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Fred Garofalo called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Select Board Attendance: Kevin Knapp (Absent), Katie Williams (Present online), Mike Graham (Absent), Vice Chair Steve Robbins (Present), Chair Fred Garofalo (Present). A quorum was met.

Town Employees Present:

Town Manager (TM): Brigitte Codling

Assistant Town Manager (ATM): Jennifer Boucher (excused)

Members of the Public Present

In Person:

Gary Danielson
Carolyn Danielson
Colton Grant, Road Agent
Mike Baum
Michael L. Welch
Zachary Dube, Highway Department
Shawn Dennis, Highway Department

Online:

Mike Bonanno
Polly Bonanno
Jake Cochran
Mary Brooks
Cassie Moulton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING (continuation)

MOTION #1: Vice Chair Robbins made the motion and Chair Garofalo seconded the motion to open the Public Hearing at 6:10 PM.

Voice Vote: All approved, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed unanimously

TM Codling opened the discussion noting that there are five roads under consideration to be discontinued. The Select Board will discuss, accept comments from the public, and vote on each road and then, if needed, the articles will be voted on at the 2023 Town Meeting. Vice Chair Robbins asked about cost estimates to maintain these roads and, in the future, recommended providing cost estimates per road. Colton Grant, Road Agent, noted that in the winter it takes one-half hour each to plow most of these roads. Vice Chair Robbins expressed concern about the residents on these roads with a large expense for plowing and maintaining the roads on their own. Chair Garofalo noted that if one road is waived for discontinuation, then they all should be waived.

Chair Garofalo introduced the following:

- Mace Hill Road

A Class VI dirt road of 2,640 feet in length with one house on it. The Administration recommends a Warrant Article to discontinue Mace Hill Road, subject to gates and bars pursuant to RSA 231:45.

Grant stated that this road should come off the maintenance list, but there is room for development.

- Tailgate Lane

A dirt road with reclaimed underlayment of 811 feet in length and has one house and a log yard on it. The Administration recommends a Warrant Article to discontinue Tailgate Lane, subject to gates and bars pursuant to RSA 231:45.

Grant noted that it is a driveway to the log yard. TM Codling noted some damage to the road is caused by logging trucks. TM Codling noted that the law states that the road has to be maintained by abutters equally.

- Tannery Road

A dirt road 982 feet in length and has three house lots on it with one house unlivable. Tannery Road is one lane, grassed over, and not easily navigated. The Administration recommends a Warrant Article to discontinue Tannery Road, subject to gates and bars pursuant to RSA 231:45.

TM Codling stated that it is hard to maintain by the Highway Department being a single lane, and Grant stated that only the small truck can go up that road with no turn-around for large trucks. Vice Chair Robbins noted that after years of neglect, emergency vehicles cannot make it down the road. TM Codling noted that many of these roads that are not in compliance with Road Standards were in the past accepted by the Town.

- Anderson Lane

A road with two residences on it and mostly within a parking lot with a section that abuts the dooryard of a residence. The Administration recommends a Warrant Article to discontinue Anderson Lane, subject to gates and bars pursuant to RSA 231:45.

Grant stated that it is easy to plow this section of road.

- Ansley Road

A dirt road of 1,016 feet in length with one house, which is in Piermont, and one camp. The Administration recommends a Warrant Article to discontinue Ansley Road, subject to gates and bars pursuant to RSA 231:45.

TM Codling noted that Ansley Road is off Court Street Ext. and travels into Piermont. Gary and Carolyn Danielson discussed owning the farm at the end of Ansley Road. The Danielson's noted that in 1999, they contacted the Town of Haverhill Highway Department asking for the Town to plow and maintain Ansley Road. The Highway Department asked for an easy truck turn-around at the end of the road, and the Town has plowed it ever since. Danielson's noted that this year, Frank Rodimon, Piermont Road Agent, graded the entire road including Haverhill's section. Gary Danielson talked about the overflow of Morris Brook and damage to a culvert on Ansley Road, which Haverhill has repaired, and he thanked the Highway Department for that. His concern was that future rain events with damage to the road and culvert could cut them off from access to egress and emergency vehicles from coming in. Maintenance has been done by the Haverhill Highway Department by increasing the culvert size and raising the roadbed. The Danielson's noted that their farm was in 2006 the Grafton County Conservation District Farm of the Year.

Grant noted that he plows to the Danielson's doorway, which is in Piermont, and there is no official agreement between Haverhill and Piermont. Vice Chair Robbins noted a suggestion -- Piermont could do the summer maintenance, and Haverhill could do the winter maintenance. Grant will follow up.

- **Morrill Drive (PVT)**

A paved, private road with an abutting easement classified as a private ROW of 2,239 feet in length with the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School on it and no houses, and the Administration requests that the Select Board reaffirm a vote to accept Morrill Drive as a Class V road. With approval of this road as Class V, the Town will get highway funding.

Chair Garofalo asked for any additional Public comments:

- G. Danielson commented that he appreciated the Public Hearing session.
- Michael Welch asked to change the number of houses on Ansley Road from one house to two. Grant noted that his main address is Court Street not Ansley Road.

MOTION #2: Chair Garofalo made the motion and Vice Chair Robbins seconded the motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:00 PM.

Voice Vote: All approved, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #3: Chair Garofalo made the motion and Vice Chair Robbins seconded the motion to reopen the Select Board meeting at 7:05 PM.

Voice Vote: All approved, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE on EACH ROAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED

