

**Board of Selectmen
Site Walk Minutes
26 May 2007**

The following are minutes submitted by Selectman Dave Clairmont of the site walks that took place on Saturday, May 26, 2007.

7:10 a.m. - Chairman Brian Forst called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Forst, Selectmen Don Guarino and Dave Clairmont and Road Agent Paul Perkins.

Gale/Donovan Road Site Walk

All present discussed the purpose of this morning's meeting. It was agreed that detailed measurements of both roads be taken and that specific improvements needed to be linked to a specific measurement.

Brian and Dave established that much of Gale Road is 16 (sixteen) feet wide and it would be appropriate to upgrade Gale and Donovan Roads to 16 (sixteen) feet.

All present agreed that all improvements to both roads should be on the left side of both roads.

We started 10 (ten) feet before the utility pole #100 at the turn-around on Gale Road. Much detail and discussion concerning improvements were done and documented within construction specifications.

Both Paul and Dave agreed that 1 ½" ledge pack was a more suitable product for the top surface of both roads. That product is far more resistant to erosion than crushed gravel.

It was agreed that utility pole #31201/22/3 on Donovan Road must be moved back at least six feet to accommodate the road improvements.

It was decided that a 24" culvert must be installed on Donovan Road where there is a small stream.

The relocation of the yellow snowmobile gate was discussed and it was agreed that it would have to be moved up past the proposed Morrill driveway.

It was discussed and decided that the proposed circular drive would not facilitate our fire trucks, and a suitable alternative was discussed and approved. This will be detailed in specifications for the improvements.

We all agreed that a general set of specifications should be made up for the improvements. Dave agreed to make up a set of specs for the Board and Road Agent's approval.

Middle Route – Drive

Don Guarino asked to be dismissed from the Middle Route Drive, which was also scheduled for this morning. Chairman Forst agreed to dismiss Don, and the meeting moved to Middle Route.

Paul Perkins discussed shimming the section in discussion some 3800 feet or so by paver method and not topping it for another year. Dave suggested that real rough areas be shimmed prior to an overall shim; much better results could be achieved this way. Dave also recommended using 3/8' State Top for shimming.

We discussed and viewed the Hertel logging operation. It was agreed that it appears to be more than a logging road that is being built. We agreed that we would need to keep an eye on this operation.

There is a section of Middle Route just before the discontinued Sawyer Lake Road that showed quite a grade variation this spring when Paul, Brian and Dave drove the road. Since the frost has been out, it has improved slightly, but Dave felt it needs to be raised up some. All present discussed what should be done to improve this area. Dave will make up some specs based on what was discussed, and it was left that Paul Perkins would make the final decision on whether or not to move forward with the recommended improvements prior to shimming.

We viewed a stretch of road that was built some thirty years ago by H. Forsythe. Paul felt there isn't a very good base under that area, but we all agreed that, perhaps, more asphalt could significantly improve that section of the road.

We continued to the Belmont line and discussed the ditches and the large culvert that had been installed.

We discussed adjourning the Middle Route portion of this meeting and moving to Governors Road. Paul Perkins asked if he would be needed. Brian Forst replied that he wouldn't, and Brian and Dave moved to Governor's Road. While in transit, Brian called Don Guarino to meet us there.

Governor's Road

Present were Chairman Forst, Selectmen Don Guarino and Dave Clairmont, Don's daughter, George Roberts and Caleb Stockwell.

Dave felt that the way to properly articulate what he felt to George was to paint lines on the lawn outlining the proposed edge of the slope and road, should this widening project move forward.

Brian and Dave measured some key spots, and then Brian, Dave and Caleb marked the edges of the road and slope.

George was able to get a clear idea of what Brian and Dave felt was an appropriate location for the road. Don was in agreement that as little as possible should be disturbed on the side of the road by the Bartlett's property. It was agreed to cut and remove three trees from this growth to establish a better ditch after the improvements have been made. Dave provided some grade stakes for George to install along the lines that were painted. George was pleased with everything, and said he would speak with Frank Bosiak and others to get their opinions and then would get back to the Selectmen promptly.

10:15 a.m. – The meeting was adjourned.