

**TOWN OF GILMANTON**  
**CLASS VI ROADS COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2008**  
**ACADEMY BUILDING – 7 p.m.**  
**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION**

**Present:** Chair Ella Jo Regan, Dick deSeve, Paula Gilman, Sue Hale deSeve, Doug Isleib, George Roberts, and Planning Administrator Lynne Brunelle.

Committee Chair E. Regan opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** The Committee members reviewed the minutes of the 2/20/08 meeting and minor corrections were made. Due to questions regarding whether Mary Ann Morrill abstained on some votes and the result of the Sawtooth Road discussion, the Committee decided to forego the formal approval until the next meeting. In the meantime, Lynne will email the other members and ask what their recollection of the voting and/or abstention was. There was, however, a mistake noted on the Sanborn Hill Road Evaluation worksheet.

**Motion:** P. Gilman moved to change item #1 on the **Sanborn Hill Road** Evaluation worksheet pertaining to the Master Plan from Yes to No. D. Isleib seconded, motion carried 5-0-1, G. Roberts abstained.

**Sawtooth Road:** E. Regan wanted to clarify the question pertaining to the Sawtooth Road evaluation. D. Isleib explained that he had asked to see the survey of the first few lots located on the Class VI portion of Sawtooth Road to determine whether they were lots of record. The Committee reviewed and finalized the remainder of the evaluation worksheet and the consensus of the Board agreed that the major issues with the potential upgrade of the road were significant wetlands and habitat fragmentation.

**Motion:** D. deSeve moved that the Class VI Road Committee recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Class VI portion of **Sawtooth Road** remain as Class VI and to allow some upgrade, but to be careful of wetlands and pay special attention to water quality and wildlife habitat. P. Gilman seconded, motion carried unanimously.

The remaining roads that still need to be inventoried are:

**Old Meeting House Road:** located between the Angevines and the Guarinos on Meetinghouse Road. G. Roberts and D. Isleib offered to coordinate a date/time and get a road team together to walk this road.

**Mill Road:** in the Iron Works Village from NH Route 140 (across from Crystal Lake Road) runs along the river and comes out on Elm Street. P. Gilman and D. deSeve offered to coordinate a date/time and get a road team together to walk this road.

**Doe Road:** beginning at the Stone Road end. B. Sens, C. Baldwin and D. Isleib offered to coordinate a date/time and get a road team together to walk this road.

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*It was subsequently determined that **Lougee Road**, located off Griffin Road, was voted on at March 1978 Town Meeting to be closed subject to gates and bars. Therefore, this road will also need to be inventoried, which E. Regan and C. Baldwin offered to get a road team together and coordinate a date/time to walk the road.*

Lynne asked the Committee members to please inform her at least one week before the scheduled road walk so she could post a notice and inform the abutters.

**NEXT MEETING:** The Committee members agreed to schedule the next meeting for Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, which is a week later than the regularly scheduled meeting, to allow additional time to perform the road walks. *The meeting was subsequently rescheduled for Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.*

E. Regan asked the committee members to start thinking about the kinds of principals and standards to incorporate into a Class VI Road Policy. She thinks other towns' policies are okay to look at but she does not want to start there. She would rather start with Gilmanton's standards and have the policy develop from there. D. Isleib had printed some model ordinances earlier in the process for the committee to review. E. Regan would like to look at some of them again as well as the State's model, however, she strongly believes that a policy needs to come out of principle. The committee agreed to review the model policy provided by the Central NH Regional Planning Commission. Lynne provided copies and will have other model ordinances available for review at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion made by D. deSeve and seconded by G. Roberts to adjourn, vote passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne R. Brunelle