

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF CONWAY, MA
MINUTES
May 15, 2006

Meeting Open: 7:30

Present: Joe Strzegowski, Jack Lochhead, Christina Conklin, Tom Spiro

Appointments

7:30 Open meeting at Town Hall – Bardwell's Ferry Road improvements

Joe gave a summary of the discussion of the issues so far, referred to letter from citizens and read the report from Jim Toth. He noted that the road would be scenic no matter what was done. He also suggested a compromise road width of 18 feet with a foot drainage ditch.

Bill Graves said that cars will park at the end of the road near the bridge regardless of the width of the road now or after any improvements. He noted that it is a problem that the road tilts toward the guardrail. He also noted that speed is an issue but there is a need for two lanes.

Dana Goodfield claimed that the town could be liable if adequate parking is not created. He also said that two full-sized pickup trucks could not pass going opposite directions and that there needs to be enough room in the winter for snow removal.

Mary Marian asked if changes to any parking facilities allow more cars in the area and noted that visibility for pedestrians is poor. She also said that people will not drive fast due to the threat of the river and rock cliffs.

Malcolm Corse noted that the road is a short path to Greenfield and is important in these days of high gas prices. He also asked how we could make the road safe.

David Jackman noted that there will be more cars parking there when the M&M Trail is completed, and Joe noted that there will be parking there with or without completion.

Kathy Goodfield said that there needs to be a yield sign to signify right of way, and asked if there are plans yet.

John Connant told a story about how he had seen cars bottom out on the road who have gone through there too fast, and suggested that the road could be moved over to the right.

Dusty King was confused, and Walter Goodrich asked if Jim Toth could investigate parking while we were working.

Jef Barnacle said that the road should be widened to 20 feet and that the line of sight was the most important aspect of this issue.

John Holly told his story of driving down the hill with his cattle trailer. Gary Totman doesn't feel that safety and aesthetics are in conflict here. John Rile noted the blind corner around Graves house and Totman's blind driveway. Tom Minor said that widening will increase vehicle speeds. Dave Chichester was in favor of improving road and safety aspect. Witty Sanford noted that there needs to be more signage there, as in "One Lane Road", and "No Parking".

Meeting Items

9:00

§ Building permits – none

§ Approved minutes of 5/8/06.

§ Jack moved to accept Sterling Hubbard's bid to do survey work at 3 locations in town, Christina 2nd, all in favor.

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- § Tom will call Jim Toth and ask him to recommend a plan for a road of 20 feet in width.
- § Joe spoke to Peggy Slone who noted that there still may be a chance to get funding for site improvement. Joe will approach Tom Lessor about revisiting the issue of the Mallery property.
- § Since the Finance Committee needs more members, an a request will go out in the Visitor.

9:45 Mail and Other Items

- § As per agenda

10:00 PM **Motion** to adjourn by Christina, 2nd by Jack, all in favor.