

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Raymond High School Media Center by Chairman Norman Weldy. Members present: Dick Wood, Jack Barnes, Frank Bishop and Greg Bemis. Also present: Town Manager Rick Bates.

Chairman Weldy led a salute to the flag and held a moment of silence for departed citizens.

Appointment of Richard Ladd to Southern NH Planning Commission

This is before the Board to make a decision on the appointment of Richard Ladd to the Southern NH Planning Commission. Mr. Ladd was in prior for his interview.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to appoint Richard Ladd to Southern NH Planning Commission, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Scribner Road – Status of Right of Way

Buster Hammond and Mike Melanson came forward to try and sort out the right of way issue. Mr. Melanson believes as an owner he has control over the gate across the right of way. Mr. Hammond believes the right of way is owned by the Town of Raymond and the gate should not be there.

The status of the right of way owned by the Town of Raymond was debated and a lengthy discussion followed.

John Tracey came in during this conversation. Mr. Tracey also owns land on Scribner Road.

It is the landowners' position that they have control over the right of way and can stop people from using it with the gate.

Town Manager Bates stated that it has always been the Town's position that the Town of Raymond owned the right of way down to the railroad tracks. Rather than have a long drawn out legal battle that would cost thousands of dollars, the town decided not to pursue this in court as the landowners agreed to let people pass on foot.

Attorney Boldt gave a brief description of his research and what he has learned over the years.

Attorney Boldt stated that he is confident in saying that he believes the Town owns the right of way on what would be deemed a Class VI road from where the tar ends to the lake, to the railroad right of way. Things got a little fuzzier because there was no official layout that he could find for the continuation through the bulk of Mr. Tracey's property over to the actual Dearborn culvert. Attorney Boldt found deed records where it did include references to easements across that, but there was some question of, did the person have the authority to give that easement, so a choice was made about how much of a fight to take on at a particular time. Saying that you can get to the Dearborn track by using the railroad tracks. That maybe the Town does or maybe it doesn't have the right to continue along what Mary Sargent viewed as Scribner Road, up to the Scribner houses.

Further discussions followed between Mr. Melanson, Mr. Tracey, Attorney Boldt, Town Manager Bates and the Board of Selectmen.

Attorney Boldt offered up this statement for possible agreement between the parties:

To recognize Scribner Road from the end of the tar to the B&M Railroad bed and Onway Lake as a segment of a Class VI road and to authorize investigation and/or negotiation of reasonable restrictions on parking and means of access on that road.

Motion by Selectmen Dick Wood that the Board of Selectmen reaffirm that Scribner Road, from the end of the pavement to the B&M Railroad bed and Onway Lake as a segment of a Class VI road and to authorize the investigation and/or negotiation of reasonable restrictions on parking and means of access, seconded by Selectmen Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

This may have to go for a vote before the voters. Attorney Boldt will look into the proper way to process this and get back to the Board.

Motion by Selectman Weldy to enter into nonpublic, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Selectmen came out of nonpublic at approximately 9:50 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Bishop to come out of nonpublic and adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Barnes.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Cramer
Selectmen's Secretary