

TOWN OF WILTON

SELECT BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN HALL COURTROOM

DATE: Monday, October 1, 2018
 TIME: 6:00 PM
 PRESENT: Chairwoman Kellie-Sue Boissonnault, Selectman Kermit Williams, Selectman Fish, Town Administrator Paul C. Branscombe, Administrative Assistant Janice Pack

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL: Chairwoman Boissonnault opened the Public Hearing and invited all to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to provide an Emergency Lane on County Farm Road. Selectman Williams explained that the bridge on County Farm is in need of repair, the repair plan isn't complete, and it is most likely that we will need to close the bridge for periods of time while the repairs are being done. That is the only official access to some of the homes on the road; the other part of the road is a Class VI which is not supported or plowed by the Town. In order for us to upgrade that road so heavy equipment and fire trucks can access that part of town when the bridge is closed, the emergency lane is necessary.

Jim Lavacchia explained that the Town is not allowed to expend public funds on a Class VI road unless it is deemed necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Douglas St. Clair of 400 Burton Highway – He wanted everyone to know that the closest access for an ambulance on Davisville was County Farm Road. The next access would be another 2.5 miles down the road. He feels that the people of County Farm Road wanted their privacy, and now that it's a safety issue, wanted to know what the Town was going to do for the residents so that it will become accessible.

Fred Roedel said that when fixing the bridge, his concern would be to mark the road clearly so that people didn't go down it and not be able to turn around.

Michael Weeks lives on the south side of Old County Farm Road and wants to know if there would be any changes to the south side of the road, the Class V side, like trees taken down or widening of the road. Jim said No, not at this time.

There were no further comments.

Selectman Fish said that it seemed logical to extend the easement down to avoid having to duplicate paperwork further down the road. He hopes that the easement language Jim works out with the Roedels will address that.

Jim said that we've had some progress over the past several weeks. He's met with Meridian Construction, and they have some draft language which will be reviewed and then presented to the Roedels. They easements will go 50' on the one side of the brook, and 75' on the Roedel's side of the brook (upstream). We've hit a snag

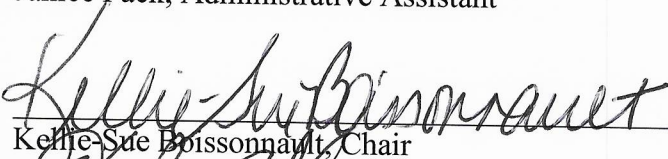
They said that he's on the right track but it needs to be reviewed by a wetlands scientist and they want a stamped plan. Meridian is able to meet our time frame, and it will cost approximately \$8,000. We've asked for an expedited review, and we should still have time to do cutting this year. The logger is requesting 2 weeks' notice and said it would be approximately 4 days work.

DES does require this to go before the Historic Bridge Board; however, because it is being paid for with Town money, they cannot tell us what to do.

Selectman Williams moved to adjourn the public hearing, Selectman Fish seconded. All were in favor; motion passed.

Chairwoman Boissonnault closed the Public Hearing at 6:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
Janice Pack, Administrative Assistant


Kellie-Sue Boissonnault, Chair


Kermit R. Williams


Matthew S. Fish