

Minutes of the Wilton Select Board Meeting  
May 16, 2023

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Members Present: Keith Swett, Phil Hilton, David Leavitt, Mike Wells, Tiffany Maiuri, Perry Ellsworth, Town Manager

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Winter Roads Maintenance/Closures per Title 23 § 2953**

Attached is the Sign-In sheet.

Perry-There are four (4) roads to be discussed. (See Attachment)

Last Fall a part of the Magrath Road was re-opened.

There was no discussion in reference to the Farmer Road.

The Handslip Road has no plowing done. The resident that lives on the Handslip Road maintains this.

Perry-Every ten years there needs to be a Public Hearing to approve to close the roads or not.

John Masse-Highway Foreman-Minimal is done. Some gravel with no ditching. (Magrath Rd)

Resident spoke and asked if homeowners can maintain themselves?

David-Ditching is the responsibility of the Town.

Perry-If a road is closed for winter maintenance, it can be brought back to the Select Board to re-open

There was no discussion in reference to the Cemetery Road.

Perry-A section of the Magrath Road was opened up. We were asked to re-open a section of the road. The 10-year deadline was missed. A piece of the road was plowed.

John-4300' feet is closed. This year we plowed to the new residence.

It is being recommended to discontinue the winter maintenance past the two (2) residents on the Magrath Road. The road needs a lot of work. It would be approximately \$40,000 for materials plus approximately a month's worth of labor.

Ben Bourassa-Resident-Magrath Road- He is supportive of any work that can be done to accommodate the Emergency Personnel. (Fire, Ambulance)

Kara Moody- Resident 376 Magrath Road-She is very appreciative and thankful of the work the Town has done to accommodate her.

David- The Public Meeting closed at 6:13 P.M.

### **Item #1-Minutes of the Select Board Meeting of May 2, 2023**

Motion by Phil/Second by Mike-To Accept the Minutes of the Select Board Meeting of May 2, 2023. Vote: 5-0

### **Item #2- Public to speak on non-agenda item**

None

### **Item #3- ATV Access on Temple Road (Tabled at last meeting)**

Wilton Residents spoke on concerns of ATV Access on Temple Road

Shelly Gervais-Hometown Market spoke on how she feels the trail has helped her business and has no problems with noise or anyone being obnoxious. She has seen a lot of family.

Michael Haney-Resident of Temple Rd objects to the access route. He feels there is increased traffic and noise. Residents are suffering from it. He has seen 6 to 10 ATV's at once at times. It is a matter of quality-of-life vs financial advantage.

Melissa Jones-Temple Rd Resident. She is in favor of the ATV access route. She has had no issues with the ATV.

Scott Blodgett owns an ATV and supports the access route. There have been cars louder than ATV's.

Mary Greene-Resident at 253 Temple Rd. She has complaints of noise on weekends. She would to see another access route.

Ruth Eastman-Resident at 585 Temple Rd. She has had no problems with the ATV's. It is a great resource for families. Motorcycles and trucks have been nosier.

Eli Davis-Depot St Resident. He is in support of the trails.

Jeff Fitch-Resident of 539 Temple Rd. He is in favor of the trails. He has seen families, parents, grandparents out with their children. It is good for people to get out.

Resident-Spoke in support of the trails. It helps her 13-year-old paraplegic daughter get out.

Richard Corey-Resident at 55 Temple Rd. opposes the trails. There has been dramatic traffic change on a neighborhood road. It is noisy and feels there have been safety issues.

Stuart Allen-ATV Club in Jay stated that the trails close at dusk and suggested if residents feel there are issues to contact the Police Department or the Game Warden.

Maxine Brown-Resident at 435 Temple Rd. doesn't feel there was a public hearing on this matter. She stated that the Select Board should have thought of any potential issues before hand.

Debby Joseph-Resident at 619 Temple Rd spoke on her concern of noise and has heard them after dark.

Dennis Brown-Resident at 435 Temple Rd feels most are good with respect to the rules but there are some that speed and the traffic flow has increased and noise is an issue.

Eric Jones-Resident at 272 Temple Rd. said that cars, trucks and motorcycles are loud and fast. He has not seen ATV speed as an issue. It is mostly families and children.

Martha Eastman-Temple Trail Riders-To address a different access, it did not work out. They could put more speed signs on the roads. They will redo the hour signs and she will put information at Whistlestop and at their kiosk and website. They will promote safety.

Bob Dalot-Western Maine ATV Club-He takes multiple people at a time. He is trying to find a different route with no luck. He frequents Wilton businesses more because there is access. It an ATV is loud it is not legal.

Motion by Keith/Second by Tiffany-To Approve and continue to keep the access on Temple Road open for a year.

Mike and Tiffany promoted our motto, "Great place to live, work and play."

A resident asked if there can be no access signs at the end of her long driveway.

Bob Dalot will provide some signs.

Richard Corey submitted a petition (Attached)

Vote: 5-0

**Item #4- Action on Winter Roads Maintenance per Title 23 § 2953**

Motion by Keith/Second by Phil-To Close Roads as Suggested

(See Attached)

-Farmer Road from John Ernest Property to the end of the road (approximately 2,500' x 12')

-Handslip Road from Rt 156 to the end (approximately 9,150 x 14")

-Cemetery Road from the cemetery tomb to the Pease Pond Rd (approximately 3,160' x 16')

-Magrath Road from Ben Bourassa to Dan Knowles at the 4-way intersection (approximately 2,500' x 14')

John Masse-Highway Foreman- It will take approximately \$75,000-\$100,000 over 3 years to repair the Magrath Road.

Perry-We need to look at the Ordinance and bring to the Town standards.

David-Should that be part of the permitting process?

Perry-Yes, but it is not part of our permitting process but it can be.

Charlie Lavin-He made it clear that no maintenance would take place on the Magrath Road.

Vote: 5-0

**Item #5- Manager's Report**

(See Attached)

Broadband, Budget, Spring Rain storm with road damage and union negotiation updates were given by Perry.

**Item #6- Other**

Ethan Kyes-Police Chief has been applying for grants. The following Grants have been applied to:

-Walmart Community Grant for \$3,750(AED, Computer, Camera System, Training)

-The Stone Garden Grant for year end 2020-\$1,000 (Equipment)

-The Stone Garden Grant for year end 2021-\$1,500 (Detail)

-Highway Safety Distracted Safety Driving Grant for \$10,000 (comes with a radar for a total match to the Town of \$2,000)

Motion by Mike/Second by Keith to Accept all three (3) Grants

Vote: 5-0

**Item #7- Adjournment**

Motion by Tiffany/Second by Phil-To Adjourn

Vote: 5-0      7:07P.M.