

# **TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**

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## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES CRESSY HILL ROAD SITE WALK**

**May 6, 2014**

Selectmen Present: Scott Carbee and Abigail Arnold

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley and Road Agent Gary Paige

Also present: Lisa Bourbeau, Polly Freese, Guy Tollman John Paige, Jeff Tarr, Lisa Stewart,  
Paul St. Cyr and Mike Tartalis

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mike said the purpose of this site walk is in response to a request from NH DOT regarding the status of Cressy Hill Rd which is currently considered Class V up to Betsy Hardwick's driveway and Class VI thereafter. Mike said Town Meeting voted that from Betsy's driveway to the Town line is Class A Trail.

Scott said they need to re-declare the classification and respond back to NH DOT.

Scott said the documentation is unclear on the status but the Board needs to make a determination and stick to it.

Gary said what the Town is collecting State Aid on is the road all the way to Betsy's driveway.

Scott stated DOT provided an aerial photo that shows the statuses.

Abigail said she felt the most recent and relevant event was the flood in 2007 where the Town accepted FEMA money on the basis that it was a Class V bridge. She said we need to determine where the stake, that has been discussed previously, is or to determine where it should be to show the ending of the Class V portion and the beginning of Class VI. Gary said in 1997 when Betsy proposed to build here the Road Agent was asked to come out and place a stake and it was placed just on the other side of the opening on the right on the Lyndeborough side of the bridge. Scott said in writing that was not what happened. There was a discussion about the waiver that was signed between Betsy and the Town. Scott said in 2007 the Selectmen made the decision to use FEMA money to fix the bridge.

The Board reviewed the location with Gary.

Guy Tollman asked under what process was the Board re-classifying the Road and Scott answered at the request of NH DOT. Guy said that there is a process that is to be followed in re-classifying, a road which is 5 years of maintenance, a town meeting vote and a published Selectmen's Meeting specifically for that topic. Abigail said since at least the 2007 event the Town has been maintaining the section of road as a Class V road and we are now clarifying that statement. There was a discussion regarding the maintenance of the road.

Gary stated that the Town did pay 25% of the cost in 2007 to repair the bridge.

Lisa Stewart said instead of calling it a re-classification the Board should call it a re-confirming of the status if that's what it is.

Gary measured 65 feet from the far end of the bridge south and placed a stake in the right-of-way. He indicated that was the end of the Class V portion that the Town maintains.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Branley

Approved on June 9, 2014

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Selectman Scott S. Carbee

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Selectperson Abigail Arnold