

The Londonderry Street Naming System Task Force held its first meeting on September 1st, 2009 in the Sunnycrest Room. The Meeting began at 9:00 am.

Present: Jim Bilodeau, John Vogl, Karen Marchant, Cindy McCann

Examples

Cindy McCann provided a recording of a call that illustrated confusion between Perimeter Road and Parmenter Road in June of 2009. The call came in for 12 Perimeter Road. Officers responded and found no such address; they later determined the location to be 12 Parmenter Road. This confusion resulted in a 1-hour delay of service. She will continue to look for other examples where confusing street names resulted in service delays. She said the dispatchers are experienced in this area and will spell names over the radio as necessary.

Street Name Corrections

Jim Bilodeau offered that he had categorized the ambiguous or confusing street names into a list by priority. He had also talked to the owner of Whispering Pines Mobile Home Park. The owner seemed willing to change names and suggested using historical names to replace the Lanes, making use of the suffix Alley. Members thought this should be used since there are few other Alleys in town and this would automatically signal a call from Whispering Pines. Members also suggested using the suffix "Way" for dead end streets or private driveways and adding signage displaying "Private Way" to named driveways.

Jim Bilodeau said that there are a number of named paper streets or ROW's in town that should be cleared up. Names should be removed from these areas, or ROW's should be extinguished. This would need to be a town adopted policy.

Karen Marchant said that mobile home parks are also problematic. The parks have irregular numbering and street names are ambiguous. Wagon Wheels park in particular has street numbering that appears random and streets in the complex do not have names. Jim Bilodeau said that all parks in town should be added to our working list.

Jim Bilodeau said that we should have an address change packet and information ready to give out to people at our meetings to help them change things. Along the same lines, we should have a workshop to help elderly people change their address. John Vogl suggested that street names would become official 60 days after adoption by the town council. He said the Council should adopt one map as the official town map and that all changes should be recorded on it. That map would be updated after each name change approved by the council.

Members then reviewed the list and made the following recommendations:

Anderson Circle/Anderson Lane: Keep Anderson Circle. Anderson Lane needs a new name.

Apollo Road/Apollo Road Extension: Need to confirm if Apollo Rd Ext is a public road. This should get a new name.

Capitol Hill Drive/Constitution Drive: Need further review and save for later stage. Should review numbering with post office.

Cedar Lane/Cedar Street: Give a new name with "Way" suffix to Cedar Street. Try to get a new name from residents. This can be a short term project.

Dan Hill Road: Multiple sections of this road should be renamed, as follows: section from Elwood Road westerly to dead end, keep as is. Section from West Road to Michelle Lane, rename to Michelle Lane. Section from West Road westerly, rename to Dropoff Center Way. In this area, Betty Lane should be renamed to Priscilla Lane. There are no properties that use this section as an address.

East Eglin Blvd/West Eglin Blvd: these two streets should be consolidated and renumbered with the name Eglin Blvd. This can be a short term project.

East Woodbine Drive/West Woodbine Drive: these two roads should be consolidated under the name Woodbine Drive. Address numbers should be reassigned, running from east to west.

East Yellowstone Drive/West Yellowstone Drive: These two roads should be consolidated under the name Yellowstone Drive. Address numbers should be reassigned for the West Yellowstone Drive section, with numbers increasing from east to west.

Griffin Road/Griffin Ave: These roads should be investigated further to identify where the Griffin family is living.

Harvey Road/Hovey Road/Hardy Road: Harvey Road should be renamed. Hovey Road and Hardy Road were understood to be unique enough to satisfy 911 concerns.

Harvey Road should be renamed as follows:

Section from High Range to Pettengill Rd: continue as High Range Road, assign continuing sequential numbering. Section from Pettengill Road to Grenier Field Road: change to Pettengill Road and assign new numbers, starting from #1 at Grenier Field Road. Section from Grenier Field Road to the town line, rename to Grenier Field Road, assign continuing sequential numbers from Grenier Field Rd. Section from High Range Road to Litchfield Road: assign new name.

Jacks Bridge Rd/Symmes Dr: Need to research further. Ask the Heritage Commission about the significance of these roads and why they were not given one name at the time of subdivision.

Jefferson Drive/Jefferson Street: Keep Jefferson Drive. Assign a new name to Jefferson Street with a Way suffix.

Kelley Ave: Assign a new name

Meadow Drive: Change section from NH 102 to Mohawk Drive. Keep section from Twin Isles Road to South Road as is.

Nelson Road: Keep as is on section from Otterson Road south to dead end. Rename section from Sargent Road to dead end as a continuation of Sargent Road.

Old Nashua Road: Assign a new name to the street

South Road: Members agreed there were never any issues with this name and suggested leaving the road as it is.

South Parrish Drive/West Parrish Drive: Rename section from Meetinghouse south to dead end to "Parrish Hill Way". West Parrish Drive should be given a new name, ideally one incorporating a theme from the former ski hill there.

Spring Road: Keep section from Hardy Road to Kitt Lane. The name should be removed from the ROW section from Kitt Ln to Hovey Road and from Hovey Road to Trolley Car Lane. Section from Trolley Car Lane east to I-93, rename to Trolley Car Lane and assign new addresses.

Webster Lane/Webster Road: The Webster Lane property is for sale. This should be assigned a Grenier Field Road address before the sale takes place. The name should be removed from the existing Right of Way.

West Road: Members decided that this road does not pose problems for dispatching purposes. Members suggested leaving the road as it is.

Whispering Pines: Keep communicating with owner and look for name suggestions from him. This can be taken up when he is ready.

Mobile Home Parks: Each park needs attention. The task force should seek a number placement policy for the parks that requires number be placed on the same place on each trailer, ideally the road or frontage side of the building.

Heritage Commission

John Vogl said the next stop is at the Heritage commission meeting on September 24th. All task force members should attend. We should be ready to tell them where we will be needing names at that meeting.

Next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for September 18th at 9:00 am in the Sunnycrest Room. Postmaster Jay Hooley should be there to assist. We should work on identifying numbering associated with new names. John Vogl will contact Jay. John Vogl will update the working map in advance of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm.

Minutes recorded by John Vogl