

The Londonderry Street Naming System Task Force held a meeting on November 10th, 2011 in the Woodmont Room of Londonderry Town Hall. The Meeting began at 9:30 am.

Present: Task Force Members: John Vogl, Karen Marchant and Brian Johnson
Also present: Reed Paige Clark (Stonehenge Road), Kenny-Lynn Dempsey (NH 9-1-1)

J. Vogl opened the meeting by introducing everyone and summarizing the Hardy/Hovey Road issues and public meeting comments. He told R. Clark that Councilor John Farrell had suggested they meet and review names from a historical sense. R. Clark explained that he was familiar with the issue and had followed it from the beginning. He said he understood the safety concerns these streets posed but that he also expressed sympathy with the Hardy and Hovey families for whom the road was originally named. R. Clark explained that while the families are not presently living there, they would be shocked to return and find a new name attached to the streets. He asked is something like "John Harvey" could be used. Further, he said that if we change names, we should make an attempt to add signage reflecting "formerly" to honor the families. J. Vogl and K. Dempsey replied that the Task Force was looking for a wholesale change and that they believed there would be few people complying if the new name was too close to the old. R. Clark asked if we could change the name for safety purposes but leave the mailing address the same. K. Marchant responded that we could not permit 2 addresses on a property. K. Dempsey concurred and said that this would be problematic because when people are calling in crisis, they often revert to/recite the most familiar information. It would be difficult for them to differentiate the correct address to relay to dispatchers. R. Clark expressed understanding. Further, he said that people who infrequently mail to the affected residents would be slow to change information, and this may be an issue for them. J. Vogl said that his understanding of USPS policy is that they deliver to the owner's name. If the street names on a package are not valid, the carrier will look for the individual by name. R. Clark agreed and said that even when he was stationed overseas and was moving frequently, he would receive mail that was properly forwarded from other countries. J. Vogl told R. Clark that the Task Force had planned on moving forward with the names Schoolhouse Road and Duncan Road and asked if they were good choices. R. Clark said that they would be. He offered that any time we see several stones in the old cemeteries with common family names, those names would be acceptable. R. Clark offered that he thought we were using good choices but he questioned the wisdom of replacing one family name (Hovey) with another (Duncan). K. Marchant reviewed other naming suggestions the Task force entertained, such as Grist Mill, Tavern Hill or Reynolds, but all agreed they did not fit either the Hovey or Hardy Road area.

Motion to adjourn by B. Johnson, seconded by K. Marchant

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Minutes recorded by John Vogl