

The Londonderry Street Naming System Task Force held its second meeting on September 18th, 2009 in the Sunnycrest Room. The Meeting began at 9:00 am.

Present: Jim Bilodeau, John Vogl, Karen Marchant, Cindy McCann, Postmaster Jay Hooley

Minutes

Karen Marchant commented that the minutes from 9/1/09 needed to indicate that West Road would be accepted as is. **Karen Marchant motioned that the minutes be adopted as amended. Cindy McCann seconded the motion.** No discussion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Old Business

John Vogl displayed the updated map indicating the status and type of street name changes. Members offered comments and suggested that the label boxes be colored according to the type of change to match the streets, that the status of Oakridge be changed to "Corrected" and that all the mobile home parks be added. John Vogl said he would update the map shortly.

Discussion turned to naming suffixes. Karen Marchant noted all the exceptions for different types of suffixes. She said that suffix definitions should be added to the town address ordinance.

Jim Bilodeau offered a suggestion that had come up to do a fundraiser, where residents can purchase tickets in order to submit street names for consideration. Members discussed the idea but decided it was not worth pursuing. Issues of managing the funds and potential negative publicity were considered.

Jim Bilodeau asked Jay Hooley about name change packets. Jay Hooley provided a sample address change card. This card can be sent to businesses to inform them of address changes for bills/banking/etc. Jay Hooley will make address change cards available to the Task Force. Driver's licenses should be corrected by applying a new address sticker to the back until it is time to renew the license. Jay Hooley said that the town assigns street names and that the Post Office will make any name changes to their database after receiving notification from the Town. Therefore, residents do not need to notify the Post Office. The Post Office will maintain both the old and changes addresses for up to a year. Karen Marchant said the Senior Center may be able to help elderly people make the changes.

John Vogl asked about the ramifications of removing names from Right-of-Way sections, as on Dan Hill Road. He asked how do we remove a name? He suggested contacting legal counsel to get an opinion and draft language. Jim Bilodeau clarified that the issue is that old names propagate and that undeveloped roads need to be given a clean slate else they will pick up old, non-compliant names such as Spring Road. John Vogl said an alternate resolution is to be more proactive during DRC period. Members agreed to seek legal counsel.

Status of Name Changes

The Task Force then reviewed the list of names and continued discussion, as follows:

- Wagon Wheels, Ponderosa and Bockmon's Mobile Home Park should be added to the list in order to correct numbering issues. Group consensus was to add them. Members agreed that the street names in Ponderosa were acceptable and that only the numbers should be changed there.

- Dianna Rd/Apollo Rd/Acropolis Ave. The whole subdivision needs attention. There is no clear division between Dianna Road and Acropolis Ave. Jim and Cindy McCann said that there had been few instances of delays but it is a non-compliant area. Jay Hooley said that there are problems delivering mail in this area given the two names and irregular numbering. All agreed it would be difficult to fix Apollo Road Extension and leave the other streets non-compliant. Members agreed to propose changing Diana to be a continuation of Acropolis and updating the numbers to run consistent with Acropolis. The intersection with Apollo will remain a name change split because of potential for future subdivisions at the south/west end of the street which might require extending the road. Apollo Road would remain unchanged and a new name would be given to Apollo Road Extension. Members agreed to tackle this neighborhood after resolving easier conflicts.
- Members reviewed South Road and West Road. Police and fire reported no issues dealing with the names and suggested that these were non-compliant but acceptable. **Karen Marchant made a motion to keep the names of South and West Road as they are until such time as 9-1-1 directs otherwise. John Vogl seconded the motion.** No discussion. **Motion passed unanimously.** This decision will be brought to the Council for adoption at a later date.
- Members discussed the Perimeter Roads. Jim Bilodeau proposed the following strategy: West Perimeter Road would be renamed following completion of the Airport Access Road, when it becomes a continuous road from Bedford to the airport, which would remedy it's non-compliant status. The Task Force would do nothing to this stretch. North Perimeter Road should be renamed to Perimeter Road to be consistent with Manchester. South Perimeter Road and East Perimeter Road should get new names. Members expected that new name suggestions could come from the Heritage Commission.
- Karen Marchant reported that the property on #4 Webster Lane is currently for sale. This presents an opportunity to assign a new number at the time of sale. John Vogl reported a comment from the Planning Department that Webster Road will go away when the Harvey Road/Grenier Field Road intersection is realigned in the near future. Members agreed to assign a Grenier Field Road number to the Webster Lane house and send a letter. Karen Marchant will come up with a number and draft the letter.
- The Task Force decided to expedite changes to Jefferson Street and Cedar Street. Members scheduled a **workshop meeting for Wednesday October 14th at 7:00 pm** to meet with the property owners. John Vogl will send out notification letters by October 1st, giving them the option of naming the Londonderry driveways off the Derry streets. He will provide the naming criteria and ask them to suggest names. The goal is to have names to present for Council resolution at the November 2nd or 16th meetings.
- John Vogl said that he had heard from a resident who suggested that either Gardner Circle or Garden Lane should be added to the list since these are potentially confusing names. The members discussed the names and decided they were distinct enough and that there had never been a problem identifying one from the other. All agreed no action should be taken.

Heritage Commission Meeting

The Task Force will appear before the Sept, 24th, 2009 Heritage Commission meeting to solicit potential names for changed roads. Members reviewed the list of changes and identified a need for alternate names in the following areas:

- Apollo Road Extension
- Anderson Lane
- Cedar Street (Londonderry part)
- Jefferson Street (Londonderry part)
- Griffin Road/Griffin Ave

Anderson Road
North Wentworth Road
Old Nashua Road
Kelly Ave
West Parrish Road
South & East Perimeter Road

The Task Force should also seek clarification on the naming choice of Jacks Bridge Road over Symmes Drive. John Vogl will send a letter to the Heritage Chair describing the Task Force needs and a list of the roads needing alternate names. He will ask that alternate names be presented to the Task Force within a month.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for October 9th at 9:00 AM. The Task Force will meet with residents of Cedar and Jefferson Street on October 14th at 7:00 pm. John Vogl will book rooms.

Adjournment

John Vogl made a motion to close the meeting at 11:35 am. Karen Marchant seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Minutes recorded by John Vogl