

STREET NAMING TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2011
Approved

The Londonderry Street Naming system Task Force held a workshop on August 11, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Moose Hill Meeting room of the Londonderry Town Hall.

Present: Task Force members John Vogl, and Cindy McCann
A list of concerned residents and business representatives in attendance is attached

Absent: Task Force members Karen Marchant and Brian Johnson.

Meeting opened at 7:00 P.M.

Overview:

The purpose of the meeting was to provide residents and business representatives an opportunity to give their input regarding suggested road name changes for Harvey Road and Kelley Rd.

Discussion:

John Vogl gave a brief explanation of the history of the task force and the need to comply with 911 street naming standards. It was explained to the residents and business representatives that the road names of Harvey Rd, Hovey Road and Hardy Road were easily confused when communicated via telephone or radio. Also Kelley Road and Kelly Ave although spelled differently are like sounding names that are easily confused. Therefore it was the responsibility of the task force to recommend to the Town Council changes to remedy the situation.

Harvey Road

The Task force had come to a consensus that the name of Harvey Road should be changed because it would have an impact on the least number of residents. It is a road that is not a clear continuous road.

Representatives from businesses located on Harvey Road, including: Wirebelt, Hampshire Fire, Gerald A. Laflamme Inc. and Linear & Metric Company all expressed concern regarding the financial burden this would place on their businesses. The cost was estimated to be in the thousands of dollars. Attendees asked what it would take to leave their street alone. J. Vogl explained that it would be a policy decision the Council would ultimately make. He said that all would be able to present their case at a public hearing. Attendees expressed frustration that they were notified late in the process and that this appeared to be a 'done deal'. J. Vogl explained that this meeting was informational, to avoid surprises and that staff was there to listen to the public's concerns. He explained that the Task Force had changed several streets already and had recently applied changes to numerous businesses around the airport. He said that none had made him aware of operational difficulties resulting from the change.

A representative of Hampshire Fire volunteered to contact every business on the street to obtain an exact cost and submit them to the Task Force. He asked for time to collect that information and present to the Town. Some residents in attendance felt that due to current economic conditions, every effort should be made to keep businesses in town.

None of the residents or business representatives liked the name of Skim Milk Rd. It was explained that this

name was chosen from a list of names provided to the Task force by the Historical Commission. It was a name that was formerly used in that area of town. One resident provided a list of names that she felt should be considered alternatives to Skim Milk Rd. (a copy of that list is attached)

Kelley Road

Residents asked why the Task Force was recommending to change the name of a residential street instead of Kelly Ave a street with a minimal number of businesses on it. Task force members explained that airport officials had requested that the name of Kelly Ave not be changed. The reason for this request was that many airport, Homeland Security and federal security and evacuation plans listed Kelly Ave within the plans.

Residents questioned the entire process. Residents felt that it was an unfunded mandate from the State. Residents expressed a concern that the Task Force should consider the impact on residents instead of the impact to the airport or federal agencies.

Residents felt that because Kelly Ave did not have any residences it would not be confused with Kelley Rd.

Joint Concerns

Many from both roads felt that discussion regarding changes to these two roads should not have been combined into the same meeting.

A request was made for the Task Force to hold a separate meeting for each road.

John Vogl and Cindy McCann advised that the request to have separate meetings would be discussed with the absent members of the Task Force the residents and business representatives would be advised of new meeting dates.

Most in attendance wanted to know if the results of this meeting were final or if they would have any chance to prevent the changes.

They were advised that the Task Force could only make recommendations to the Town Council and that notice would be sent advising when the Town Council meeting would take place regarding changes to their respective roads.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

- SHADY LANE RD

- ~~TURKEY TROT RD~~

- ~~TURKEY RUN RD~~

- FISCHER CAT RD

- HORSE CARRIAGE RD

- ~~NIGHTFIELD RD~~

PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN TOWN

- JOHN BELL RD

GOVERNOR OF NH

- DOMINIC DI MAGGIO RD

RFD SOX OUTFIELDER

- OCEAN BORN MARY RD

- OCEAN MARY RD.

- BRIAN WILSON RD

S.F. GIANT'S PITCHER

- ETHAN PAQUIN RD

PORT

- VOLOGDA RD

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