

Town of Danville
Public Hearing Minutes
December 5, 2019
Danville Town Hall (5:30 pm)

Board Members Present: Ken Linsley, Eric Bach, Kellie Merrell, Henry Pearl and Kristin Franson

Others Present: Keith Gadapee, Audrey DeProspero, Steve Larrabee, Bert Frye and Craig Morris

1. **Public Hearing was called to order** by Chair Ken Linsley at 5:30 pm.

Public Hearing was to receive testimony from interested person regarding the relocation of a section of Hawkins Road.

Bert Frye inquired what the Town was going to gain by permitting the relocation of a portion of the road.

Ken Linsley noted the sharp turn in the road will be less of a sharp turn at the crest of the hill making it less significant of a curve.

Bert Frye inquired if the Town would throw up the old road and how the new road would affect stormwater.

Ken Linsley discussed the ROW (right of way), survey being done, keeping the road a three rod road and only the location of the road on the land changing.

Keith Gadapee spoke of stormwater and hydraulically connected roads noting the new road would meet the required standards.

Bert Frye was concerned with the stormwater permit for next year and discussed natural soaking of water, new roads not allowing runoff and federal specifications along with new stormwater changes. Bert Frye spoke of history of some roads in Danville along with the outcome and cost to the Town.

Ken Linsley noted the road would be built in accordance with existing MRGP standards.

Bert Frye thought since the road was not going to be done until next spring then the decision on the road should wait until after a new Selectboard is voted in at March meeting.

Eric Bach did not feel that the Selectboard should drag this decision out any longer.

Henry Pearl thought granting permission now made more sense than waiting and if regulations changed, then the road would need to comply with the new updates.

Ken Linsley noted the road is in compliance with today's standards until legislature changes something.

Kellie Merrell shared concerns similar to Bert Frye regarding road runoff but noted the new road would meet current standards. Kellie Merrell felt comfortable and supported the decision.

Kristin Franson noted Bert Frye made good points regarding what was done in the past, however the Town would keep a close eye on the project and Keith Gadapee will be checking on the standards of the road as it is put in.

Motion by Henry Pearl, 2nd by Kellie Merrell to approve the plan to relocate a portion of Hawkins Road to shift it southwest, constructed in conjunction with the MRGP standards and the Town will bear no cost. A survey will be done to the road and the new owners will be responsible for the survey cost. Vote 5-0-0. All in favor.

Kellie Merrell noted the only cost to the Town would be Keith Gadapee's time while checking in on the contractors and making sure the road agrees with MRGP standards.

Keith Gadapee noted his time associated will be minimal due to contractor being used, however he will follow certain steps consistent to VTrans Orange Book.

Public Hearing Adjourned at 5:55 pm

Minutes taken by Audrey DeProspero submitted December 06, 2019 at 3:00 pm.