

Greensboro Selectboard

November 13, 2013

SITE VISIT

Reclassifying Town Highway #48 from Class III to Class IV

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bridget Collier, Marsha Gadoury, Susan Wood

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Warren Hill, Jr., Anne Stevens

OTHERS PRESENT: Walter Donohue

The Board met at 4:05 PM at T.H. #48 to view and discuss reclassifying the road from a Class III road to a Class IV road.

At 4:15, the site visit ended.

Respectfully Submitted: Marsha Gadoury

PUBLIC HEARING

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SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bridget Collier, Marsha Gadoury, Anne Stevens, Susan Wood, Warren Hill, Jr.

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Valdine Hall, Josh Karp, June Cook, Dan Tanner, Charlie McAteer, Sabra McAteer, Clive Gray, Walter Donohue, Chief Erwin Salls, Jr., Mateo Kehler, Lenny Schiavone, Tom Anastasio, Virginia Jenkins, Peter Romans, Ken Johnston, Erika Karp, Nat Smith, Linda Romans, Tom Gilbert, Erna Bartlett, Gerald Bartlett, Chief Aaron Cochran

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03 PM

Sue Wood, acting chair for the hearing, told those present that T.H.#48 in its current form is basically a driveway. The Selectboard has received a letter from the property owners, requesting that T.H.#48 keep its Class III status. The property owners noted that there are a number of Class III roads in town that are driveways, and wondered why this road was chosen for reclassification.

Warren said the state highway department has recommended that towns inventory roads like these on an individual basis, to determine whether reclassification makes sense. The town is supposed to keep Class III roads in a certain condition; it could cost the town hundreds of thousands of dollars to keep many of these roads up, while serving very few property owners. The Board is simply trying to protect taxpayers from potentially huge maintenance costs. Warren noted that the town still maintains bridges and culverts on Class IV roads.

Walter Donohue said that he lives on a Class III road, and wondered if his road was going to be considered for reclassification next. Sue said that the house that T.H.#48 leads to is not lived in year round, and that more actively used roads are unlikely to be candidates for reclassification.

Mateo Kehler said that his business, Jasper Hill Farm, is also at the end of a Class III road, and he depends on the town to keep the road maintained and open. He added that the town has been doing a great job maintaining the road.

Bridget made the following motion:

Town Highway #48 will remain a Class III road.

Marsha seconded the motion, which carried (B.C., M.G., A.S., S.W. in favor; W.H. abstained as chair).

ADJOURNED: 7:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk