

DRAFT MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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May 1, 2013

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Don Clement convened the Board of Selectmen at 6:30 p.m. in the Nowak Room of the Town Office. Other members of the Board present were: Vice-Chairman Dan Chartrand, Selectman Matt Quandt, Selectman Julie Gilman, and Selectman Frank Ferraro. Town Manager Russell Dean was also present along with Highway Superintendent Jay Perkins.

2. Pine Road Discussion

Chairman Clement described the purpose of the meeting. This meeting would be to discuss safety issues related to Pine Road and to hear the findings of a report by Steve Keach, of Keach/Nordstrom Associates, including a recommendation for temporary action on Pine Road.

Mr. Keach presented his report to the Selectmen, and showed several slides on a PowerPoint presentation outlining the hazards of the Pine Road and Route 27 intersection. Mr. Keach indicated he was not here to talk about litigation but to outline his recommendation from the report found on page 14. Mr. Keach indicated his professional opinion is that the intersection is hazardous, and that his recommendation based on his review of the information is that the Selectmen consider posting the road – under RSA 47:17, VIII, and RSA 41:11, as a temporary measure until the issues are fixed.

Mr. Ken Christiansen of Brentwood asked about Pine Road, and how long has the road operated in this manner prior to 2010 with the amount of traffic shown. Mr. Keach responded that the area has grown over time, which is a tribute to Brentwood growing their commercial base, but it has caused a problem.

Mr. Kevin Johnston, Brentwood business owner on Pine Road, asked about accessibility. Mr. Keach described further his findings in his report.

Ms. Rebecca Davis, Brentwood resident on Middle Road, described the heavy truck traffic on the other end of Pine Road. Trucks come down Middle Road after turning right onto Middle Road from Pine Road. Some are going over 50 miles per hour. She feels this is hazardous and someone could be killed.

Mr. Keach closed his report by indicating that whatever the solution is amongst the parties, that there is a dangerous intersection at Pine Road and Route 27, and he felt compelled to report this to the Board of Selectmen through his report.

Mr. Johnston commented these findings were not a surprise, reports have already stated the intersection is dangerous. Why doesn't Exeter fix it?

Chairman Clement reiterated that the purpose of tonight was to hear Mr. Keach's report, digest it, understand what it entails, and move forward from here.

Selectman Ferraro moved to adjourn. Selectwoman Chartrand seconded. Motion carried. The Board stood adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Dean
Town Manager