

Unapproved

**GLOVER SPECIAL SELECT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

Present: Mike Ladd, Jack Sumberg, Harvey Dunbar, Norman Auger, Ben Auger, Sue Medor, Dale McAlister

Meeting called to order at 9:10 am. at the intersection of Town Highway 35 (Telfer Rd) and Beach Hill Rd..

1. Road Classification Meeting: The group walked over the 0.60 miles of TH 35 to view the condition of the road which has not been maintained by the town in many years. Sue Medor stated that when they purchased the property in 2002 they had been told by a Glover selectboard member that the road was discontinued. Medors have ditched along the road and replaced culverts over the years to maintain access their wooded acreage. Glover Trailwinders have also done some maintenance work on sections of the road that are used for snow machine trails. The road enters Norman Auger's property approximately 0.05 miles from Beach Hill Rd. Mr. Auger stated that he had done some maintenance, including fallen tree removal, on the last section of the road.

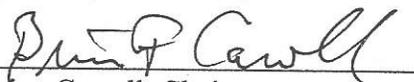
Jack Sumberg explained that the selectboard had proposed discontinuing Town Highway 35 in order to ratify an action thought to have been taken by a previous selectboard in 1959, but not accepted by the VT Agency of Transportation. Further research into the question now indicates that the 1959 action was not a discontinuance, but a re-classification of TH 35 as "untraveled", the term that was then used for what are now called Class 4 town roads. He showed a copy of the Certificate of Highway Mileage that was filed by the Glover Selectboard on March 20, 1959 and explained that, although it could be seen as ambiguous, the entry "Twn Hgh #35 - 0.60 portion now untraveled", when interpreted in a way that would be consistent with other road actions listed on the form, would indicate a re-classification from a "traveled" town road (what would now be a Class 3 road) to an "untraveled" road. He also showed copies of the 1973 correspondence between the State of VT Department of Highways and the Town of Glover in which, as a result of recent amendments to Title 19, V.S.A., Section 15 regarding classification of town highways, the Department sent the town a preliminary list of Glover town highways with mileage and classification of each road. Town Highway 35, with a length of 0.60 mile and a classification of "formerly untraveled, now Class 4" is included on the list. The Glover selectboard accepted this classification when they returned the Certificate of Highway Mileage in 1974.

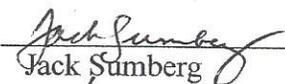
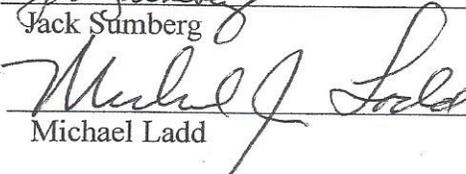
Mr. Auger stated that he would like to see the road maintained as a town highway because it would provide better access to the back part of his farm. Ms. Medor stated that since they were told in 2002 that the road had been discontinued, and since they had built a garage and home very close to the old roadway based on that information, and since the town had done nothing to the road in many years, she would like to see the road discontinued.

The question will be taken up again at the regular selectboard meeting on July 28.

2. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am. Respectfully Submitted,

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Sumberg  
transcriber

  
Brian Carroll, Chair

  
Jack Sumberg  
  
Michael Ladd