

# HYDE PARK ROADS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**October 13, 2014**

*All minutes are draft until approved by the Committee;  
please check future minutes for approval of these minutes.*

**Members Present:** Greg Paus, Jim Heath, Mike Dubie, Troy Hayford  
**Members Absent:** Brian Jones  
**Others Present:** Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator

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Greg opened the meeting at 4:36

1. **New Information** - Rodjenski handed out a 09/24/2014 letter from Ken Harvey summarizing his personal experience as Road Commissioner/Selectboard as he conducted inspections of Mason Road during its construction about 25 years ago. Ken noted that at that time the road deeds and surveys were requested from the developer before the town would consider acceptance as a town highway. Rodjenski stated that last month, the Selectboard informed the residents on Mason Road that the deeds and surveys are required, at landowner cost, before the town would accept the roads as town highways. Rodjenski noted that at the November 10, 2014 Selectboard meeting, a list of actions required for road acceptance will be reviewed by the Selectboard. The Selectboard has decided to continue maintenance on all four private roads only until the end of the 2014-2015 winter season.
2. **Minutes** – Motion by GP to approve the 09/08/2014 minutes, as written. Seconded by MD. So voted.
3. **Town Highway Maintenance Costs** – The Committee discussed its next steps, now that the technical information has been completed on the matrix. The \$12,000 maintenance cost per mile, especially roads with one, two or three residences, was discussed. All town highways that are being maintained should now be evaluated for its public benefit. The actions should be based on town policy and be consistent. Possible recommendations are reclassification, upgrade to Class 3 standards or discontinue. Some roads could be phased out as the town upgrades deficiencies and then turns the road over to private adjoining landowners. The current definition of a road is four or more homes, so that could be one factor when deciding to reclassify or discontinue. Other factors leading to continued year-round maintenance are present if the road is a through-road connecting to another public road, whether it provides access to town facilities or has significant residential or commercial development. Rodjenski will prepare a list of all town roads and draft recommendations for the committee to review in November. Committee members were asked to review the draft Class 4 Roads and Trails Policy and bring edits to the November meeting.
4. **Other Business** – None
5. **Next Meeting** – November 10, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
6. **Adjourn** – Motion by MD to adjourn, no objection.