

GILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 1, 2020

A public meeting of the Gilford Board of Selectmen was convened at 4:00pm in the vicinity of 146/147 Potter Hill Road. The following Selectmen were present: Chairman Dale Channing Eddy, Vice-Chairman Gus Benavides and Clerk Kevin Hayes. Also present was Town Administrator Scott Dunn, DPW Director Meghan Theriault, DPW Highway Superintendent Kyle Tibbetts, property owner Gary Kiedaisch and Hayden McLaughlin from Belknap Landscape Company.

Mr. Kiedaisch noted the problem he was having with access to his barn due to the steep grade after Potter Hill Road was raised and widened in the late 90's or possibly early 2000's. He asked the Board to waive the 3 foot setback from the edge of pavement for a retaining wall that was required to shift the road away from the barn, because it was a significant added expense to the project and could possibly damage the root structure of 2 maple trees and because the setback was something that should not be required within the Village Historic District.

It was noted that over the past few years, Mr. Kiedaisch had considered two previous proposals other than the most recent proposal to shift the road for improving barn access, with the Town making a \$17,000 commitment, but Mr. Kiedaisch had not followed through on either of them. He was now attempting to sell his property and the barn access problem needed to be solved.

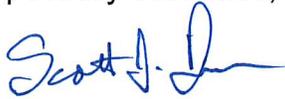
The Board members discussed project alternatives such as lowering the roadway, the installation of a drainage structure that would improve access to the barn, and the effect on the shoulder/slope if the proposed retaining wall were eliminated, but it was agreed that ultimately Mr. Kiedaisch could choose which method worked better for him, subject to the approval of the DPW Director and any waivers that may be required by the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Kiedaisch stated his preference is to shift the road over if the Board will allow the new retaining wall to be closer than 3 feet to the edge of pavement. He also asked the Board to consider reducing the width of the pavement from the current 20 feet (+/-) which could reduce the project costs and minimize landscaping impacts.

It was the consensus of the Board to consider these requests at their next meeting scheduled for May 13. No other decisions were made.

At 4:30pm Selectman Benavides made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Hayes and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Scott J. Dunn, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 13th day of MAY, 2020;
Attest:


Kevin Hayes, Clerk