



Minutes
Moretown Legal Trail and Class 4 Road (LTC4R) Committee
Wednesday, May 22, 2024
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The meeting was held in person at the Moretown Town Office and online via Zoom.

Members Present: Martin Cameron, Paula Mastroberardino-Woods (Chair), Colin Nohl, Craig Oshkello, Bob Sargent, Dave Stapleton, Chris Stephenson, Callie Streeter (Vice-Chair)

Staff Present: Carol Chamberlin, Zoning Administrator

Others Present: Travis Blodgett, Deb Sargent, Rae Washburn

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Public Comment

Travis provided some comments asking for more discussion of development being allowed along legal trails, and reiterated the point that the location of some legal trails is not documented.

Deb asked for clarification regarding whether this policy will continue to be focused on maintenance, Committee members explained that the effort is mainly to update the existing policy, but that some information regarding development, etc. will be included as links and that there will also be recommendations made to the Selectboard for consideration of related items or language on other Town applications or documents. It was confirmed that zoning and development matters will not be included in the policy, except for through links to relevant information.

Continue to review, discuss, and draft updates to the Moretown Class 4 Roads and Trails Policy:

Committee members present reviewed the latest iteration of the draft Policy, agreeing upon the following:

- Include proposed Section 5 – Right-of-Way Access
- Include proposed Section 6 – Posting
- Remove proposed Section 7 – Compliance with other Regulations
- Leave existing Sections 8 – Policy Review and 9 – Disaster or Emergency Maintenance in place

- Remove proposed Section 10 – New Development and include pertinent information on the Town website instead
- In Section 9, change ‘will restore’ to ‘may restore’ and ‘condition’ to ‘use’ and remove ‘legal trail’
- Resource links will be placed on the web site and not included in the Policy, to allow for updating when necessary
- References to ‘road’ will be changed to ‘Highway’
- References to ‘trail’ will be changed to ‘Legal Trail’
- References to ‘grouping(s)’ will be changed to ‘group(s)’
- All necessary definitions will be included in the document

There was a brief discussion regarding including allowances/prohibitions on future development along Legal Trails; Dave indicated that this will be considered in depth by the Planning Commission as the Town Plan is reviewed.

The language related to the advisory group making recommendations to the Selectboard, and the frequency of the advisory group meeting and reviewing Class 4 Highway group designations and annual maintenance plans was discussed. Paula will include changes to the draft based upon the discussion and suggestions provided.

Paula will prepare a full draft of the document for review at the next meeting; Colin volunteered to assist with proofreading the draft when Paula has completed her update.

There was some discussion regarding what information will be placed on the website and on which pages it will be linked from. It has not yet been determined who will provide the language to be included on the site.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 24 and May 8, 2024 were approved.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlin, ZA