

ROADS AND RIGHT OF WAY COMMITTEE

Posted Meeting of

October 15, 2024, 2024, at 4:00 pm

Held in Hybrid Format

DRAFT MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Call to Order, Approval of the Agenda, Approval of Minutes, and Public Comments.

Chairman Grieder opened the meeting at 4:05 pm. Attendees in person: B Grieder, A Reinhard, P Smith, E Gillum, N Eldridge and Nat Lowell. Via Zoom: Transportation Director Mike Burns (left the meeting at 4:54)

Public Comment (items not on the agenda) - none

Quick recap

The meeting focused on addressing various encroachment problems, including safety concerns, issues with gates, and developing private roads. The Committee also discussed the need for a more comprehensive approach to managing encroachments, the importance of considering the impact of private property owners' infrastructure on public spaces, and the need to review and update the current encroachment policy. The conversation ended with a discussion on ongoing issues with roads and the need for a coordinated review process to address these issues.

- Bill Grieder will:
 1. Send the current encroachment policy to Committee members for them to review. It will be an agenda item for next month's meeting. Committee members should review the policy and prepare suggestions for updates.
 2. Will request an update from Tracy MacDonald on Jefferson Avenue, Hulbert Avenue, and other pending road/access issues for the next meeting.
 3. Contact the DPW Director regarding rocks placed on the roadway on Warren's Landing Road and Eel Point Road.
- The Committee discussed scheduling a joint meeting with the Planning Board to review the impacts of new construction on existing roads

Milestone Crossing from Proprietors' Way off Hinsdale Road

- Bill Grieder noted a question had been raised by a citizen about a new gate erected on a path from Proprietors Way into the Milestone Crossing Development. He contacted a subdivision property owner about the gate. The property owner stated the old gate, had been knocked down and the path had been widened by dirt bikers and others creating a nuisance. The path was also being used as a staging area for employers picking up employees living in the Hinsdale Road area. The Homeowners Association (HOA) reinstalled the gate and lock to address the issue and gave the Fire Department (FD) the access code. Bill checked with the FD about the gate's status as an emergency

access point into the subdivision. He was told the fire department would use access through the playing fields off Nobadeer Road to the gate rather than through Proprietors Way.

- Allen Reinhard stated he did a site and noted that the Proprietors Way was a walking path and not a vehicle access point.
- The Committee decided by consensus that there was no issue with the installation of the gate.

Encroachments

- Nelson Eldridge noted there are many roads in Sconset where property owners needed to remove encroachments before further discussions about additional town services could take place. Nat Lowell noted that encroachment is an island-wide issue and in many instances, has created public safety issues. The Committee discussed the complexities of property lines, encroachments, and the need for a more specific policy. The Committee expressed concern about the impact of new developments on existing layouts and the need for a more comprehensive approach to encroachments. Ed Gillum introduced the possibility of the Town installing no-parking yellow lines where residents have placed boulders or stakes to restrict parking. Bill Grieder noted the handling of encroachments is now centralized under Tracy MacDonald. The Committee requested Bill to send everyone a copy of the current Encroachment Policy.

Mike Burns and Nelson Eldridge left the meeting at 4:54

Tree Removal, Bluff Issues, and Encroachment Updates

- Bill Grieder discussed the successful removal of a problematic tree and the ongoing issue with the bluff. Carol Greenberg expressed her gratitude for the Department of Public Works' responsiveness. The main topic for the next meeting will be an update on encroachment issues and access points to the bluff.

Update on various road/access issues

- Ed Gillum requested an update from Tracy MacDonald on Jefferson Avenue, Hulbert Avenue and other pending road/access issues.
- Phil Smith noted that Mill Street has become very difficult to navigate due to parking along the road.

Motion to adjourn: by Allen Reinhard, seconded by Nat Lowell.

Motion adopted: unanimously at 5:05 pm

Next meeting: November 19, 2024 at 4:00 pm