

June 8, 2020

STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH NH RSA 91-A:3

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Tanya,

Here are combined notes (mine and Omer's) for the public hearing held on 26 Sep.

### Public Hearing 26 Sept 2019

Attended by: Morgan Currier, Omer Ahern Jr., Francis Muzzey, Wallace Trott, Jeff Ames, John Downing, Marguerite Burne, Elaine Kinder, Laurie Melanson

Morgan opened the meeting at 6:00. Francis made a motion to go into the public hearing for discussion of Hooper Hill Rd being declared/reclassified as an emergency lane at 6:01. Omer seconded the Motion. Morgan, Francis, and Omer all voted Yes.

Morgan read Jordan's letter to the residents.

Francis then provided some history on allowing towns to declare Class XI roads as emergency lanes, as well as some of the history of Hooper Hill Rd, including when it was previously declared as an emergency lane. Francis then spoke in support of re-classifying Hooper Hill Rd as an Emergency Lane.

Morgan asked if anyone in attendance was against reclassifying Hooper Hill Rd as an Emergency Lane. No one spoke.

Francis then read RSA 231:59-9 Paragraph 4

Mr. Downing explained that he owned a good portion of the property along Hooper Hill Rd. He wanted to continue maintaining the road/sides of the road as he has in the past. He wanted to confirm that naming the road as an emergency lane would not limit his maintenance.

Francis informed him that any maintenance needed to be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Downing confirmed he was given approval by a previous board (Francis, Roy Ames)

Francis and Morgan both noted they saw no reason or information in the RSA that would prevent him from continuing to maintain the road as he has in the past.

Omer cautioned that the Town giving permission or approval could result in legal issues if anyone was harmed from the maintenance.

Mr. Downing stated he did not want permission. He just wanted to make sure there was nothing in the RSA that stated an Emergency Lane could not be maintained by private land owners.

Morgan confirmed that nothing she had seen in the RSA would prevent him from continuing to maintain the road as he has been doing in the past if it was declared as an emergency lane.

Mr. Downing then asked about the snow plowing mentioned in Jordan's email ("the road will receive summer maintenance like the other Class 5 roads, but no plowing or sanding"). He then noted that Melansons and Kinders maintained the road in the winter.

Morgan noted that the RSA had no specific details on what type of maintenance.

Laurie Melanson asked if there was any information about the Power Company helping to maintain the road, since they were using it to access the power lines.

The Board said they were not aware of any agreement with the power company but it was unlikely.

Francis then read paragraph 2 of the RSA, which describes the Board's requirement of providing written proof of their decision on declaring/not declaring a road as an emergency lane.

Mr. Downing mentioned how Hooper Field could be used as a medical evac for a helicopter, as well as at least three logging landings. He also added that snowmobile rider like riding there because they know they can be evacuated if injured.

Morgan and Francis both asked again if there any objections from members attending the hearing on declaring Hooper Hill Rd as an Emergency Lane. No objections were given.

Mrs. Marguerite Burne mentioned the high number of public vehicles that use Hooper Hill Rd.

Francis noted that because it was a Class 6 road, there were no restrictions. They could use bars/gates but they could not be locked. He also mentioned that approximately 20 years ago the town spent \$40K to bring the road up to state specs

Omer asked for any objections of declaring Hooper Hill Rd as an Emergency Lane, and also noted that it was the third time the Board had asked for objections.

There were no objections given.

Francis motioned to end the public hearing at 6:38. This was seconded by Omer. Omer, Francis, and Morgan all voted yes.

The Board stated they would be writing up their recommendation.

Morgan motioned to close the meeting at 6:39. Omer seconded. Omer, Morgan, and Francis all voted yes.