

TOWN OF PEACHAM  
MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE  
RELOCATION OF THE INTERSECTION OF COUNTY ROAD AND MAPLE  
TREE LANE  
Wednesday, June 16, 2021  
APPROVED

Selectboard Members: Beatrice Ring, Peter Craig, Richard Browne  
Public: Road Foreman Jeremy Withers, Selectboard Clerk Rebecca Washington, Matthew Kempton, Sarah Kempton, Will Kempton, Dave Stauffer, John Reiss, Jay Hessey, David Jacobs, Bill Goss, Jean Dedam

1. The hearing was called to order by Chair of the Selectboard Beatrice Ring at 6:33pm.
2. Public comment ensued.
  - a. Withers explained that the proposal is for the current Y-intersection at Maple Tree Lane and County Road to be moved down Maple Tree Lane and changed to a proper T-intersection. The T-intersection would be safer and easier to maintain. Withers previously met with VTrans' Shauna Clifford and she recommended a T-intersection.
  - b. Browne pointed out that, over the years, the town has done this in a couple of other places, for instance at the corner of Way Road. However, the change on Way Road was done in the same spot and Browne wondered why this intersection wouldn't be changed to a T-intersection in its current location.
    - i. Withers and Craig explained that the power pole would have to be moved and that there is underground power going to the pole.
  - c. Withers explained that M. Kempton came to the Selectboard a couple of years ago to ask about changing the intersection. The Selectboard at the time said it was a good idea.
  - d. M. Kempton explained that he approached the Selectboard about the change because there are little kids in the area and there is poor visibility at the current intersection. They have seen three accidents there and the road is difficult to maintain. He explained that there are currently big trucks coming up the Brook Road because they have trouble making the turn at the Y-intersection. Relocating the intersection would result in a better-maintained road, a safer road for the town, and a better road for the property. M. Kempton would block off the old road and figure out what to do with it.
  - e. Browne pointed out that there would be a survey done and that there is a process to follow.
  - f. The costs involved would include surveying, legal documents, and the materials to build 300 feet of class 3 road. The materials would include fabric, sub-base material, top-coat gravel, and one culvert.
    - i. M. Kempton is willing to do some of the work to help cut the cost for the town.
  - g. Reiss didn't like the idea and thought it was a waste of taxpayer money. He would like to see the existing intersection widened instead.
  - h. Goss said that it was probably a good idea but that there are other places in town that need the money. He mentioned a culvert that hadn't been surfaced in a long time and described work that could be done at the top of Academy Hill. He thought it was not worth the money to change the intersection.
  - i. Browne explained that the Selectboard would take comments under advisement and make a decision at a later time.
3. Adjourn
  - a. **Browne moved to adjourn the hearing. Craig seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.**

These minutes were approved as written by the Peacham Selectboard at its regular meeting on 7/7/21.

Rebecca Washington, Selectboard Clerk

  
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