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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING:

MAY 22, 2012

- 1. Call to Order:** The chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Mr. Camp noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.
- 2. Board Members Present:** Walter Camp, Marvin Anderson, Fred Radtke, John Vojta, William Bates, Tom Martens Town Clerk, Marion Janssen Town Treasurer. There were 15 other people also in attendance.
- 3. Approval of Agenda at the Chair's Discretion:** Motion Bates seconded Radtke that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
- 4. Consideration to Purchase 20-ton used Trailer:** Mr. Radtke had asked that the purchase of a used trailer is placed on the agenda. However, after looking at the trailer, the town board decided to keep the trailer that it has and replace the brakes.

At this time, the town board departed the building to tour town roads that are currently used as snowmobile trails and return to the community center to resume the meeting.

- 4. Approval of Town Roads for 2012-2013 Snowmobile Season:** Mr. Camp took the following notes while touring the town roads. School Road is open approximately 100' to Subway. Lake Content, Border Creek, Old C, speed limit says 25 mph, change to 15 mph. The trail could possibly be moved off of Normandy Court Road to the west, lake access could be widened on town property, will have to check right of way. Border Creek Road to River Road, trail could be off of road. Plum Creek Ave. from Kurtzwell groomed by Barnstormers. Trail could be moved off of road. Lollycoogan Lane, trail could be moved off of road to south. Barnstormers do Birch Spring Road. Lost Lake Drive North, north side is partially cleared. Found Lake Road posted 25 mph. Looked at Sixteen Road. Mr. Radtke asked if trail could go on west side of Hwy. 155 instead of east. Big St. Germain Drive has always been a trail. Birchwood Drive, Hwy. 155 to gravel pit, trail could be on south side. Gravel pit to Tobin Lange could be off of road on north side. Muskellunge Creek and Dogwood, no speed limit signs. Look at gravel pit area to get some of trail off of Dogwood. Old Hwy. 70 trail partly on and partly off of road. Shields Road no signs. Arrived back at community center at 8:25 P.M.

There was a discussion of Mr. Camp's notes. Burnt Bridge road will be removed from the list. Parkway Road will be added to the list. Tom Christensen said that if the trail were moved to the west side of Hwy. 155, it would run very close to a home. The board asked why Lost Lake Drive South could not be used as a trail. Tom Christensen stated that there is a power pole with guide wires at that location and that there is a wetland that would have to be crossed on the west side of Hwy. 155. The speed limit signs have been taken down on some of the roads for the summer. The club has looked at using the gravel pit instead of Dogwood Drive, however, a property owner would not give permission to cross his 40-acres. Todd Wiese noted that even if a road is marked at 15 mph, the posted town road speed of 25 mph would apply. Tom Christensen said that if the trail were to go from Tobin Lange Road through county land, there might be a deep hole in the path from an old gravel pit.

A resident from Dogwood Drive told the town board that the trail should be taken off of Dogwood Drive and moved to Hwy. 155. The man has already been hit by a snowmobile.

Tom Christensen presented a plan for a different crossing on the S-Curves on Hwy. 155. Instead of crossing near Sixteen Road, the trail would continue on the north side of Hwy. 155 to within about 150' of Lost Lake Drive South. It would then cross Hwy. 155 and double back to where the trail would cross Joe Koscielniak's property. Mr. Christensen stated that the original proposed crossing near Sixteen Road did not meet minimum DOT requirements.

Mr. Martens noted that the original proposed crossing, according to the club, DOT and Dale Mayo had been safe, up until now. He also noted that just prior to his presentation, Mr. Christensen had stated that a crossing, at the exact location where there is to be a crossing now, would not work.

Mr. Camp noted that he had received a letter from town attorney Steve Lucareli advising the town board not to support the Sixteen Road crossing. Mr. Camp also noted that there were letters in the packet that

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Mr. Martens handed out from the property owners by the Sixteen Road crossing in opposition to the trail.

Mr. Anderson noted that Mr. Martens had included a letter from his attorney in his packet of information. The letter states that it is very possible that the use of the highway right of way is inconsistent with the "highway purposes" stated in the original conveyance of land from 1935. Mr. Christensen said that the club was waiting for a response from the DOT concerning the easement. The club could not move forward with the reroute until they received an answer.

Motion Vojta seconded Radtke that the list of town roads to be used as snowmobile trails for 2012-2013 be approved as presented with the addition of Parkway Road and the deletion of Burnt Bridge Road. By a roll call vote: Mr. Radtke – yes; Mr. Bates – yes; Mr. Vojta – yes; Mr. Anderson – yes; Mr. Camp – yes. Motion carried.

- 5. Adjournment:** Motion Vojta seconded Bates that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting 9:47 P.M.

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