

**Sharon Selectboard  
Public Hearing  
for TH-22 Section Reclassification  
September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 6:00PM**

*This meeting was held in compliance with the January 2022 VT Open Meeting law amendments regarding fully-remote electronic meetings.*

Attending via Zoom: Kevin Gish, Selectboard Chair; Ira Clark, Planning Commission/Resident; Scott Henkels, Resident; Sarah Pfeiffer, Selectboard Clerk; Nicola Shipman, Selectboard Assistant; Phoebe Manchester, Resident; Galen Mudgett, Town Lister

Attending by Phone: Frank Rogers, Road Foreman

**Call to Order:**

Kevin Gish called the meeting to order at 6:04PM.

**1. Public Hearing Regarding 0.36-mile section of TH-22**

Kevin Gish opened the hearing to comment or question.

Scott Henkels asked if there would be any change to the level of public access if this section of road becomes a Class 4 road.

Kevin Gish answered that Class 4 roads are maintained somewhat superficially and the town's only obligation for Class 4 roads is to maintain culverts and bridges. He also confirmed that Class IV roads are town highways and are considered available for full public access. Frank Rogers agreed that the Town is responsible primarily for culverts and bridges on Class 4 roads according to the Highway Policy.

Phoebe Manchester stated her agreement with the logic of matching the condition of the road and the classification of the road.

Ira Clark asked if this hearing was simply about the classification of the road. Ira Clark wanted to confirm that this would continue to be a public road.

Kevin Gish confirmed that this would continue to be a Class 4 road.

Ira Clark asked about possible subdivision of parcels along the road and accessibility as it relates to life safety and firetruck access. Kevin Gish suggested this question would be best addressed in a future meeting, especially if there should be any future subdivision of abutting properties.

Galen Mudgett commented that the Town had something similar with a section of Turnpike Road in the past. Galen commented that there was a section of Turnpike that at one point was

nothing but steppingstone ledges. As the result of a subdivision abutting the road, the road was in fact improved by a private landowner, and the road became more accessible as a result. The improved condition of the road allowed for better access to the public and road improvement was funded by a private landowner rather than the town. This section of road remains accessible today.

**Sarah Pfeiffer made a motion to enter deliberative session at 6:18PM. Kevin Gish seconded. Motion approved 2-0-0. Mary Gavin not present.**

**Kevin Gish made a motion to exit deliberative session at 6:23pm. Sarah Pfeiffer seconded. Motion approved 2-0-0. Mary Gavin was not present.**

No action was taken.

**Sarah Pfeiffer made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:25PM. Kevin Gish seconded. Motion approved 2-0-0. Mary Gavin was not present.**