

Town of Barrington  
Special Town Board Meeting  
December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

Supervisor Wright called the Town Board meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Present:	Fred Wright	Town Supervisor
	Ken Christensen	Councilman
	Bruce Castner	Councilman
	Steve Wheeler	Highway Superintendent
	John Griffin	Code Enforcement Officer
	Calvin Crosby	Councilman (arrived later in the meeting)
Absent:	Nate Olney	Councilman
Also Present:	Bill Chapman	Property Owner-Hobson Road
	Bernie Balistreri	

Chapman stated that he had a problem with Hobson Road. He wanted to know why Wheeler has to “dig up” the road every year making it a muddy mess. Chapman stated that he has been paying taxes for thirty years and wanted to know why he can’t get stone on his road and not have it dug up. He stated that Wheeler digs it up every year like clock work right before gun season. He further stated that Wheeler always says that he doesn’t have the time or money to put stone on Hobson Road.

Chapman stated that Wheeler doesn’t treat Hobson road the same as other roads.

Wheeler clarified that what is done is grading and they do it to all dirt roads in the spring the last two weeks in April and the last two weeks in October, weather permitting. He stated that they grade them after the winter of plowing and then do it again to prepare them in the fall for another winter of plowing.

The Board talked about budget constraints. Wheeler pointed out that he has approximately \$200,000 to work with and he has about 56 miles of road.

Chapman pointed out how Knapp road is paved where Nate Olney lives. The Board stated that there are several more people who live on Knapp road than just the one on Hobson where Chapman lives. Wheeler stated that the paving system is based on the school bus route.

Wheeler stated that the Town does take care of Hobson Road. He stated that every time that Chapman has complained about something the Town has put some more money in the road. They have taken out all the trees, done all the ditching, cut the shoulders and grade it every year. Chapman asked that Wheeler not grade it. Wheeler stated that they

have to grade it or grass would grow up the middle of the road. Castner also said that it has to be graded every year.

Castner stated that he drove down Hobson Road within the last week and it is as good as any of the other gravel roads. Balistreri stated that it is not and the mud is very thick on it.

Chapman stated once again that he needs gravel on Hobson Road and that Wheeler has always said that he didn't have the time or money to do it. Wheeler stated that he "never ever" told Chapman that he didn't have the time to do it. It has always been a money issue.

The Board let Chapman know that the work that is done is based on priority due to budget restraints. A road that has two residences on it will be priority over a road with one. The Board pointed out that this section of Hobson Road has only one residence and it isn't even full time.

Chapman suggested cutting one of the employees at the Highway Department to save money. Wheeler stated that he would never be able to keep up without all of his employees.

After more discussion Chapman asked if nothing was going to be done with his road due to budget restraints. Wright let him know that he was correct. Wheeler stated that there may be work done to the turn around at the end of the road if there is money left. He stated that they will probably put some gravel there.

Supervisor Wright stated that they are strapped due to the budget.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Joy L. C. Perry, Town Clerk  
Done from Digital Recording*