

Select Board Meeting 3-4-2019 Masters Road Questions.



- 1) The Select Board states in their answer to the petition that the Petitioner should bare the cost of the upgrade to Masters Road so it can be changed from class 4 to class 3. Does that apply to all 25 petitioners or just the 3 who live on Masters Road? *All 25*
- 2) If it is just the Masters Road residents who will bare this cost does the Selective Board know that the cost per the Maidstone Road Commissioner would be about \$80,000 dollars? *yes*
- 3) Is the board aware that all 3 Masters Road residents are on Social Security and above the age of 70? *yes*
- 4) Did the Board make this ruling to avoid this cost to the taxpayers of Maidstone? *NO to be consistent in past*
- 5) Did the Select Board of Maidstone vote to take over the private road of Maidstone Lake and make it a class 3 road against the recommendation of the State of the Vermont? *yes*
- 6) Did the Select Board ask the taxpayers of Maidstone Lake to help pay for the upgrade? *NO*
- 7) Can the Board tell us the yearly cost to maintain Maidstone Lake Road? *roughly \$71,508 x 5 yr = 357,000*
- 8) Is the Board aware that this cost is also a large burden on the taxpayers of Maidstone that they did not have prior to this upgrade. *yes w/ state A/C*
- 9) Because of the cost to the residents of Masters Road upgrade did the Board consider any other means of helping to maintain the road? *NO*
- 10) Since the Board used so many State laws to make their decision did they look into Title 19 class 4 roads which states " Class 4 Highways may be maintained to the extent required by the necessity of the town, the public good and the convenience of the inhabitants". *NO*
- 11) Is the Select Board aware or do they even care that 6 months out the year the residents of Masters Road have no good access to police, fire dept, or ambulance service without paying to have Masters Road maintained? *yes*

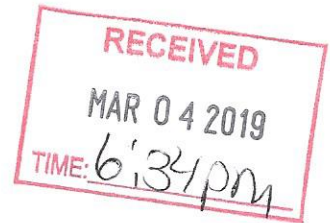
NO
YES

I have been in this fight with the Select Board and the town of Maidstone over making Masters Road a year round access for the taxpayers who live there for 15 years, I would say it is like beating a dead horse.

I'm sure the Select Board has make a legal and binding ruling, maybe they should extend their minds to doing the right thing instead of the popular thing.

If the town and Select Board are tired of dealing with this issue they also have the option of deeding the Masters Road to the residents who live on this road.

March 3, 2019



To the Select Board of the Town of Maidstone

Since I became a citizen of Maidstone in 2002 I have done my best to be part of the community, volunteering for various jobs and spending many hours free of charge to help the town.

I have in all this time only asked for two things of the town, put a Dead End sign at the end of Masters Road and change Masters Road to a class 3 Road and maintain it 12 months of the year. This way like every other citizen in this town I can get to my home without spending a ton of money to maintain a town road. I have even asked that they maintain Masters Road as a Class 4 Road for the public good and the convenience of the inhabitants of the town: per Title 19. This would give fire and ambulance service year round access to these properties.

Even though I have produced many reasons why this should be done the Select Board & town of Maidstone have decided to reject my requests. I can no longer with clear conscience continue to volunteer my time to a town whose paid members treat the residents of Masters Road like second class citizens.

For that reason I will be resigning the following Maidstone town positions:

Member of the Planning & Zoning Board, Town Health Officer, NVDA Representative and Town Service Officer.

Effective March 3, 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "BA Hobaugh".

Bruce A. Hobaugh