

**Town of Auburn  
Board of Selectmen  
Site Walk  
Emergency Access Lane  
August 27, 2018**

**Selectmen Present:** James Headd, Richard Eaton and Keith Leclair

**Cemetery Trustees Present:** Don Dollard, Scott Norris and Jim Thompson

**School Board Members Present:** Alan Villeneuve

**Also Present:** Bill Herman, Town Administrator.

The parties met at the parking area for the ice skating rinks at the Safety Complex at 5:30 PM.

Alan Villeneuve reported the proposed area to be used for construction access to the Auburn Village School property had been surveyed and flagged. The stakes in the ground indicate the center line for the proposed access way from the Safety Complex property across property owned by Manchester Water Works to the back portion of the school property.

The proposed road as laid out is approximately one-quarter mile and has been reviewed with officials at Manchester Water Works (MWW). MWW has indicated they will grant a temporary access as proposed for at least the duration of the school construction project. Mr. Villeneuve indicated the appropriate permits for the road, including an alteration of terrain permit with the NH Department of Environmental Services, are in process, and it is hopeful the gravel road would be in place by October.

Don Dollard asked if the School District had considered an alternate way to the school property by coming off of Depot Road through an existing fire road and by improving Campbell's Bridge in order to get to the school property from the opposite direction of the current proposal.

Mr. Villeneuve indicated they hadn't frankly because it was a longer route that involved a greater amount of wetlands and would be more costly to the school project than the chosen path. He also indicated it was too late in the school construction process to attempt to look at a different route than what was currently on the table.

The concern raised by the Cemetery Trustees was that if the current proposed road became permanent and, as a result, become the boundary for potential

expansion of the Auburn Village Cemetery, it would limit that expansion to approximately one-acre of land when the Trustees have informally identified approximately 2.8 acres of land they would like to acquire for future expansion of the cemetery. When asked what the outstanding capacity of the current cemetery is, the Cemetery Trustees estimated the Town likely had capacity for approximately 20 years.

There was general discussion concerning the various items at play overall with the properties including:

- Temporary access to the school property for construction vehicles and activity.
- Potential permanent emergency access road for Town emergency services.
- Granting right-of-way access to the Manchester Water Works over Town property for permanent access to their abutting property.
- Addressing the interest in expanding the Auburn Village Cemetery property.
- Working to correct or formally memorialize property boundaries and parking lot space at the front of the Auburn Village School between the school district and the MWW.

The general consensus reached was that no one wants to hold up the temporary access route for the school construction project due to the timeline for the project. As a result, it appeared unlikely all of the issues could be addressed as a package, so the Town, Cemetery Trustees and School District should consider approaching Manchester Water Works with the remaining items at some point after the temporary access road is formally finalized. It was felt the temporary access road for the school project could be removed at any point following the conclusion of the construction project and not affect the potential of the approximate 2.8-acres of land for the cemetery.

The Town representatives will advance a proposal at some point in the future to Manchester Water Works to attempt to address the outstanding items of interest to all parties.

Don Dollard thanked the Board of Selectmen for including the Cemetery Trustees in this process.

The Site Walk meeting concluded at 6:15 PM.