

Ancient Roads Committee Meeting
Tuesday March 17, 2009 Town Office 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order by President Brian Gray at 6:04 pm.

Present: Brian Gray, Larry Labor, Maryanne Beaupre, Alan Wooley, Diane Moore, Carey Tomkins, Ruby Jenness and later, Robbie Guyer.

Minutes of previous meeting were accepted.

Reports of Town Books 1,2,3,4, 5, were presented.

Book # 1 ---Diane Moore will complete this week. No mention of any roads so far.

Book # 2 ---Ilene Douglas will complete this week.

Book # 3 ---Alan Wooley completed and reported that he found nothing re roads in this book covering 1835-1846. He found of interest a lot tha was sold twice and that the State of Ct. owned 2 lots in Morgan. Prices ranged from \$1.00 per 50 acres to \$50.00 per acre.

Book # 4 ---Ken Whitehill ---absent due to sugaring.

Book # 5 ---Brian Gray completed and found nothing re roads.

Book # 6 ---Larry Labor incomplete. The hours that the Town Office is open do not correspond well with the after work hours of those people with out of town jobs. It was noted that some lots were sold to support ministries.

Book # 7 ---Ruby Jenness volunteered to do this book.

Book # 8 ---Carey Tomkins volunteered to do this book.

Book # 9 ---Brian Gray volunteered to do this book.

Each book contains an average of 9 years of Morgan land records. The hand writing is difficult to decipher.

Alan displayed two maps, one a topographical, one an aerial map with old lots superimposed on same. The map, marked off in grids, is interesting. The original grids entailed 160 acres per grid. Lots were given to war veterans. The size or number of grids presented to a soldier seemed to reflect that soldier's rank. A General by the name of Seymour owned it all. He named a gentleman by the name of Morgan as his agent who parceled off the grids to whites and Indians. Whites settled the higher lands first. Indians occupied the lower.

There were no property transfers for roads. It was suggested that in perusing these books one takes care to look for varying names referencing roads, ergo highways, pent trails etc.

The next meeting will be Tuesday May 12, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the Town Office.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Submitted by Ruby P. Jenness, Secretary