

EIGHT ROD ROAD

From County Road Book
Records 1797-1831
Pages 190 & 191

May 7, 1810

To James Black, one of the Constables of the Town of Augusta, SS

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town meetings, to assemble at the Courthouse in said Augusta, on Monday the seventh day of May next at four o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 4, To see if the Town will direct their surveyor to open the Eight Rod Road beginning on the rangeway at the middle of Lot No. 17 on the second mile and continuing as far as the points where said rangeway intersects the county road near Mr. John Shaw's dwelling house.

Seth Williams Selectmen of
Lewis Hamlen Augusta

Augusta

April 17, 1810

Pursuant to this warrant, I notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Augusta to meet at the time and place for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up true copies of this warrant at the Courthouse and at the dwelling house of Beriah Ingraham, both in the said Town of Augusta fourteen days prior to the time of holding said meeting.

James Black, Constable

At a legal meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Augusta qualified to vote in Town affairs on Monday the 7th day of May 1810, agreeable to the preceding warrant.

ARTICLE 4, VOTED, That the road described in this article of the warrant be opened as prayed for, provided no expense be incurred to the Town, beyond the highway tax of those persons who live thereon.

Moderator
Recorded from the original minutes.

Attest H. Sewall, Town Clerk

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From Book of Records
Vol. 2, Pages 167, 168, & 170

May 14, 1838

VOTED

State of Maine

To James Black, one of the Constables of the Town of Augusta,

You are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town of Augusta, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said Augusta, on Monday the fourteenth day of May instant at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following article, to wit:

Article 8. To see if the Town will discontinue the road as accepted leading southerly from the Woodward Road to Mr. Dunn's area layout four rods in the center of the rangeway.

At a special meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Augusta qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town House in said Augusta on Monday the fourteenth day of May A.D. 1838 at ten o'clock in the morning.

ARTICLE 8, VOTED, That the town road commencing at the rangeway leading from Samuel Woodward's to John Arnold Jr. and extending southwesterly to the Belgrade Road near Jonah Dunn's as the same was reported by the Selectman and accepted by the Town at the Annual Meeting of March 13, 1837 - be discontinued - and that the Selectmen be authorized to layout a road four rods wide in the center of the rangeway between the first and second ranges of lots on the west side of Kennebec River over which said road passed.

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EIGHT ROD ROAD

From Street Book 1833
Pages 10 & 11

February 25, 1837

VOTED

ERROR RECORDED BELOW (This wording was noted in left hand column of the Street Book)

ARTICLE 8 VOTED, To accept a Town road on the west side of Kennebec River as the same is laid out by the Selectmen, reported and described by them as follows, viz:

Commencing on the south side of the travelled road on the rangeway leading from Samuel Woodward's to John Arnold's Jr; thence extending south westerly on the rangeway between the first and second miles in the same course with the west line of the road leading to Asa Cummings and Robert Beattie's until it strikes the Belgrade County Road near the dwelling house occupied by Jonah Dunn, said road to be four rods wide and lying eastwardly of the road and course above mentioned - and as said road passes over the rangeway reserved for a public road no notice was given to the adjoining owners of the land, and no damages awarded.

A true record.

Attest Daniel Pike, Town Clerk

To the Selectmen of Augusta

We the undersigned Inhabitants of the Town of Augusta, do hereby request that you would insert an article in the town warrant for the next annual March meeting to see if the Town will layout and accept a Town Road on the rangeway between the first and second mile from Kennebec River.

Beginning at an eight rod road leading from Samuel Woodward's to the Belgrade Road; thence running southerly on said rangeway and to come into said Belgrade Road near Mr. Dunn's on the Ballard farm so-called.

Augusta February 25th, 1837

Signed: Asa Cummings and twenty-three others

Discontinued May 14, 1838.

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In pursuance of the within application the Subscribers on the fourth day of March 1837 laid out a Town road commencing on the south side of the travelled road on the rangeway leading from Samuel Woodward to John Arnold Jr.'s; thence extending south westerly on the rangeway between the first and second miles in the same course with the west line of the road leading to Asa Cummings and Robert Beattie's until it strikes the Belgrade County Road near the dwelling house occupied by Jonah Dunn said road to be four rods wide and lying easterly of the line and course as above mentioned, and as said road passes over the rangeway reserved for a public road, no notice was given to the adjoining owners of land and no damages awarded.

John Potter Selectmen
Watson F. Hallett of
Charles Little Augusta

VOTED, To accept a Town Road on the west of Kennebec River as the same is laid out by the Selectmen reported and described by them above.

A true record.

Attest Daniel Pike, Town Clerk

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From Book of Records
Vol. 2, Pages 178, 180, 182, 192

March 11, 1839

TO SEE

STATE OF MAINE

Kennebec, ss:

To James Black one of the Constables of Augusta, within said County.

In the name of State of Maine, you are hereby required to warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the said Town of Augusta, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town House on Monday the eleventh day of March instant at ten of the clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 14, To see if the Town will accept of the following road and street as laid out by the Selectmen, to-wit.

A road commencing in the south line of the road leading from Samuel Woodward's to the Belgrade Road; thence running southerly on the Rangeway between the first and second miles to the Belgrade Road near the house of Jonah Dunn.

At a legal annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Augusta, qualified to vote in Town affairs, holden at the Town House in said Augusta on Monday the eleventh day of March Anno Domini 1839.

Article 14, VOTED, To accept a road on the west side of Kennbec River, agreeably to the report of the Selectmen of the laying out for the same; which report is in the words and figures following. viz: "The undersigned have this day laid out a road on the within petition as follows, to-wit, commencing in the south line of the road leading from Lemuel Woodward's to the Belgrade road as far east as the easterly side of an old pine stump which is spotted - thence running South 38 2/3 degrees west about 175 rods to the north end of a large stone in the easterly line of the Belgrade road: said road to be four rods wide and to be west of said line. All persons interested were notified and no damages were claimed by any person and none were awarded by us; said road being the center four rods of the rangeway between the first and second miles.

Augusta February 25, 1839 (Signed by the Selectmen)

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EIGHT ROD ROAD

From Street Book 1833
Pages 24 & 25

January 28, 1839

VOTED

At the Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Augusta, qualified to vote in Town affairs, legally called and notified, held at the Town House on Monday the eleventh day of March Anna Domini 1839, and by adjournment on the first day of April 1839.

ARTICLE 14

To the Selectmen of Augusta

We the undersigned request the Selectmen to layout a road on the rangeway between the first and second miles on the west side of the Kennebec River beginning at the rangeway leading from Samuel Woodward's to the Belgrade Road near Jonah Dunn's dwelling house; said road is to be laid out on the center of the rangeway between the first and second miles and to be four rods wide.

And furthermore we request the Selectmen to insert an article in the warrant for March meeting 1839 to see if the Town will accept of it according to the warrant. January 28th, 1839

Signed: Robert Beattie
and twelve others

The undersigned have this day laid out a road on the within petition as follows, to wit:

Commencing on the south line of the road leading from Samuel Woodward to the Belgrade Road as far east as the easterly side of an old pine stump which is spotted; thence running South 38 2/3 degrees West about one hundred and seventy-five rods to the north end of a large stone in the easterly line of the Belgrade Road. Said road to be four rods wide and to be west of said line. All persons interested were notified and no damages were claimed by any person and none were awarded by us.

Said road being the center four rods of the rangeway between the first and second miles.

Augusta February 21st, 1839 Loring Cushing Selectmen J. W. Patterson of Augusta

VOTED, To accept a Road on the west side of Kennebec River agreeably to the report of the Selectmen of the laying out of the same recorded above.

A true record.

Attest Daniel Pike, Town Clerk

See Warrant Vol 2, Page 170
Records of Augusta

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**EIGHT ROD ROAD
(Portion)**

From Street Book 1833
Pages 46 & 47

March 23, 1846

VOTED

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Augusta legally notified and warned, and held by adjournment at the Town House in said Augusta on the 23rd day of March 1846.

ARTICLE 26, To the Selectmen of the Town of Augusta.

The undersigned, legal voters of Augusta, respectfully request you to layout a road on the Eight Rod Rangeway between the first and second ranges, on the west side of the River in Augusta leading from Samuel Hutchin's house northerly of said rangeway, to the south line of the Town of Sidney.

Augusta June 21st, 1845

Signed Nathan Woodward
and fifteen others

Augusta December 2nd, 1845

We the undersigned Selectmen, have this day located the following road, viz:

Commencing near Samuel Hutchin's dwelling house, about two rods west of the east line of the rangeway at the end of the first mile and running parallel with the line of said rangeway keeping two rods therefrom about 120 rods to the land of Nathan Woodward, said road to be four rods wide and west of said bounds.

All parties being notified by posting up two notifications more than seven days before said location and no damages claimed.

Loring Cushing Selectmen
Ephraim Ballard of Augusta

VOTED, To accept a road on the west side of Kennebec River agreeable to the report of the Selectmen recorded above.

A true record. Attest Daniel Pike, Town Clerk

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From Street Book 1833
Page 53

December 8, 1846

VOTED

At the Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of Augusta qualified to vote in Town affairs holden at the Town House in said Augusta (according to notice duly and legally given) on Monday the first day of March and by adjournment March 22nd, 1847.

Augusta December 8th, 1846

ARTICLE 16, To the Selectmen of Augusta.

The undersigned citizens of and legal voters in Augusta request you to layout a road on the rangeway between the first and second mile on the west side of the river.

Beginning at the road running by Ruel Townsend's and near his dwelling house; thence northerly to the road leading to James S. Ballard, and lay your doings before the Town for their acceptance at their next annual meeting.

Signed James Hewins and six others
Augusta February 17, 1847

The undersigned Selectmen of Augusta have this day located the following road, viz:

Commencing at a point in the northerly line of the road leading by Ruel Townsend's where the east line of the Eight Rod Range- way intersects; thence North 38 1/2 degrees East on the east line of the Rangeway 130 rods, to the road leading to James L. Ballard.

Said road to be three rods wide, and west of the above described line.

Ephraim Ballard Selectmen
John A. Pettingill of Augusta

VOTED, To accept a road on the west side of Kennebec River agreeably to the report of the Selectmen recorded above provided no damages are claimed, and the road be made at an expense to the Town not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

A true copy. Attest Daniel Pike, Town Clerk

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March 23, 1991

Lisa Greenwood
RFD #3, Box 1099
Augusta, ME 04330

Dear Mrs. Greenwood:

Eight Rod Road was accepted by the City as a Town Road in the 1930's. The City has not maintained beyond the paved portion of this road for well over 30 years. By State Law (23 MRSA Section 3028) there is a presumption of abandonment "if a town or county way has not been kept passable for the use of motor vehicles at the municipality's or county's expense for a period of 30 or more consecutive year." (Municipal Roads Manual, Maine Municipal Association 1989) based upon this the City has no obligation to provide road maintenance beyond the paved section.

In order for the City to extend road maintenance it is necessary for the section of road to be brought to City Standards, and the City Council must accept it again.

The road construction would continue the existing paved width. This shall include three inches of asphalt and twenty-four inches of gravel in accordance with the City's

Standard Specifications. The design should insure that drainage problems are not created. The plan shall be prepared by a professional engineer. After construction City Engineering would certify to the Council that the road has been constructed to City Standards. The cost of this work would be about \$50/linear foot.

Prior to Council acceptance you would need to present a deed to the City for that portion of the street to be accepted. It is likely that you and your neighbor across the street own to the center of the street.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Marc H. Guimont, P.E.
Director of City Services

MHG/mdd

cc: Charles Moreshead
Corporation Counsel
