

## UNDERHILL SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Present: Steve Walkerman, Chair, Steve Owen, Rod Fuller, Town Highway Foreman, Sherri Morin, Town Clerk, Chris Murphy, Town Administrator

**6:00 PM:** Meeting Called to Order

- **Pleasant Valley Road Project:** The Board does a site visit at the intersection of Mountain Road and Pleasant Valley Road, and Rod explains his plans for improvements. From just above Carolyn Gregson' house at PV099 to just below Seth Friedman's house at PV144. Rod would like to fix the drainage problems that cause the road to consistently erode in this area. He will cut back the bank, install a stone wall, and install culverts. In addition, to improve the sight line from Mountain Road, Rod will shave the hump in the road just past heading north.
- **New pickup:** Rod has gotten a price for the new pickup. Including the addition of a plow and sander, the truck will cost \$35,000.00
- **Boring a 109 Pleasant Valley Road:** Rod got in touch with Mike's Boring from Barre, VT and the cost he quoted was \$1,200.00/day plus \$375.00 for transport. Mike's is the only outfit in Vermont that does boring. There have been some community objections made to the Town bearing the cost of the boring. The Board decides to offer to pay the up front cost of boring, with the agreement that the Town would be reimbursed in gravel if the pit opens, or that the landowners would pay the town back if a pit did not open. Chris will ask Vince Paradis to draft an agreement.
- **Rich Magnuson, 365 Poker Hill Road:** Rich and his wife Lisa meet with the Board to discuss the drainage from Poker Hill Road and Downs Road. When the Magnuson's bought their lot there were 3 existing road culverts: two at the end of Downs Road, and one where they put their driveway. They now would like the Town to change the water flow to the other side of the road and to go down the road towards Bill Cook Road. Rod and Steve Owen went out to look at the property. Rod stated that there is not a drainage ditch on the other side of the road because there is not enough slope. Also, he said that the Magnuson's were proposing to have the Town carry the water 440' to another culvert that would empty out onto someone else's property on Bill Cook Road. Chris reports her conversation with Vince Paradis, Esq. wherein he stated that it was well-settled law in Vermont that the downslope neighbor must accept water from the upslope neighbor. If the Town should change the natural flow of the water then they would be opening themselves up to liability from other effected properties. The road culverts were in place before the Magnuson's bought the lot and before they sited their house on the lot. Paradis advised the Board that they should not change the current water flow.
- **Selectboard Budget Review:** Chris goes over a first draft of the Selectboard FY08-09 budget.

- **FOG Update:** Steve has not had a chance to talk to the FOG workgroup about the interlocal agreement.
- **SAFEATEA-LU Resolution:** The Board signs the resolution in support of funds for Chittenden County for transportation grant funds.

**8:20 PM: The Board Adjourns**

Respectfully submitted by Chris Murphy

Read and Approved as written/as amended

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Steve Walkerman, Chair