

UNDERHILL SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Thursday, September 20, 2007

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

6:00 PM: Meeting Called to Order

- **FY 08-09 Highway Dep't Budget Review:** Rod and Chris present a first draft of the highway department budget. There are still numbers that need to be filled in by Joan for loans, etc.
- **Drainage Request, 635 Poker Hill Road:** Rich Magnuson, 635 Poker Hill Road sent a request to Steve Walkerman along with pictures regarding the drainage issues on his land. He wants the Town to put in a culvert across the road to carry water in the opposite direction towards Bill Cook Road. Rod states that he doesn't think there is enough slope in that direction. After a review of his pictures, Rod and Chris will go out and take a look at the site and report back to the Board.
- **Grant Review:** Chris goes over the grants that she is going to apply for in the coming weeks. They include: Better Back Roads to fix problems on Stevensville Road; Planning Grant to defray the cost of publication and public hearings on the new unified by-law; historic preservation grant to get some help paying for a new roof for the Town Hall; ancient roads grant to defray the costs associated with research that the Town is going to do this winter; municipal education grant, for town official training, perhaps for capital budgeting.
- **FOG:** The Board reviews the interlocal agreement. After speaking with Comcast representatives on 8/23/07, they stated that they would be willing to come and talk to the Town about cost sharing to get service to areas that are currently without high-speed internet services. After review of the interlocal agreement, it seems that the agreement would bind the three towns to having Burlington Telecom provide the services. The Board had assumed that the interlocal agreement would be limited to an agreement between the three towns to pursue service, not to bind the three towns to any one provider at this stage. The Board would like to be able to have a discussion between the three towns and Comcast and other providers about partnering before being bound to any one model. Steve Walkerman will check with the working group and get back to the Board.
- **Chamberlin's Bonfire:** Dan asks about Chamberlin's bonfire on River Road. It was very large this year and the wood was stacked in the flood plain. Chris will write a letter to the Chamberlin's to explain the floodplain restrictions and to let them know before they start building another one for next year's bonfire that they cannot store the materials in the floodplain.
- **1 Brook Bend and Farmhouse Road Approval:** The Board reviews the DRB recommendations for the plan for Brook Bend and Farmhouse Road for the subdivision application of Peter Geise. The Board approves the expanded use and the driveway curb cuts as presented on the plan and

modified by DRB recommendations. For details on the road and driveway approvals, see the Geise Subdivision Decision.

- **Minutes** from 8/23/07 are read and accepted.
- **109 Pleasant Valley Road Gravel Pit:** Dick Albertini and Carolyn Gregson, owners of 109 Pleasant Valley Road come in to discuss whether the Town would be interested in gravel should they decide to explore opening up the pit. Rod states that it could be a significant cost savings to the Town if there were enough gravel in the area. There is a brief discussion about how the boring and permitting would be paid for. Rod is willing to forego a maintenance project this Fall to find the money for boring costs. Once the boring is done, it can be determined how much gravel is available and if it is worthwhile to pursue permitting. Rod will look into who does boring and the Board will discuss this further at future meetings.

8:00 PM **The Board Adjourns**

Respectfully submitted by Chris Murphy

Read and Approved as written/as amended

Steve Walkerman, Chair