

## UNDERHILL SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Thursday, July 12, 2007

Steve Walkerman, Chair, Dan Steinbauer, Steve Owen, Mike Weisel Town Contract Engineer, Sheri Morin, Town Clerk, Rod Fuller Town Highway Foreman, Chris Murphy, Town Administrator

### 5:00 PM: Meeting Called to Order

- **Stormwater Update:** Rod has finished the work on Mt. Vista Road. There is some confusion about which culvert the state was referring to in its initial report to the Town about the one on Pine Ridge. When Marc Maheux went out with Mike Weisel, (engineer) and Larry Lamphere (town road crew) last fall to inspect the culvert, they assumed they were referring to the culvert that crosses Irish Settlement Road that drains onto 26 Irish Settlement Road owned by the Durgins. The erosion noted by Weisel at the end of this culvert has some minor erosion going on at the discharge end. The problem with this is that in order to do the erosion control, the Town needs the Durgin's permission as some of the trees that would be needed to access the discharge end are out of the town right-of-way. The Durgins are not inclined to allow this, as they feel that the discharge from the culverts has turned their land into a wetland and lowered the value of the property. They would like to see the culverts removed. They will meet with the SB this evening on this issue. Ironically, after Chris contacted the state to check on the culvert location, the culvert that was at issue on the orphan stormwater permit for Pine Ridge Road was at the other end, near the cul-de-sac. Rod has unclogged the discharge end of the culvert that was the subject of the permit. Chris will get Mike Weisel to review these and to certify the upgrades to the state.
- **Don Porter Letter:** Chris reads a letter from Don Porter, inquiring again about lowering the speed limit on Range Road and putting "slow" signs up. The Board discusses the fact that in order to lower the speed limit below 35 mph would require an engineering study that the Board is not inclined to spend money on right now, as a fair amount is being spent this year on Range Road to upgrade the culverts and repave it. The Guard has bought "slow" signs for the neighborhood. Rod will install a 35 mph sign at the top of Range Road once the road reconstruction is complete.
- **Site Visit to 26 Irish Settlement Road and Meeting with the Durgins:** The Board, Rod, Chris, and Mike Weisel meet with the Durgins at their property and reviews the culverts. Rod and Mike explain to the Durgins that the culvert discharge is not enough to create a wetland, this was probably created by beaver activity in the Crane Brook and the natural water flow from the property across the street. They also explain that the water could not be directed into culverts that ran parallel to Irish Settlement Road as the topography of the land there is such that the water would not flow correctly. After discussion and inspection, the Durgins agree to allow the town to do the erosion control at the culvert at the end of Pine Ridge Road if required by the state.

- **Pine Ridge Stormwater Permit:** The Board agrees to get Mike Weisel to look at the culvert that Rod has uncovered at the end of Pine Ridge Road and certify that repair for the orphan stormwater permit. If the state directs the Town to repair the minor erosion problem at the at 26 Irish Settlement Road, the Town will.
- **Harvest Market:** Chris reads a letter from Peter Mitchell for the United Church's Harvest Market requesting permission to implement various traffic and parking controls. The Board approves the measures. The Market will be September 29 and 30 this year.
- **49 Meadow Lane Gravel Extraction:** Chris updates the Board about gravel extraction on Meadow Lane. Gerard Bernasconi has been issued a building permit and extraction is allowed so long as it is incidental to the permit. Chris has put the following limits on the extraction: M-F 8:00-2:30 PM; no extraction within 50' from the top of the bank; Bernasconi agrees to pay for any repairs to Meadow Lane and culverts as a result of water flow changes; and extraction/removal to be completed within 2 weeks
- **VLCT Check:** The Town received a check from VLCT, our insurance carrier to defray the costs of engineering services incurred for the office repair. No other coverage was allowed.
- **ZA Applications:** The Board agrees to interview schedule for the ZA position
- **Bill Russell Letter, 198 River Road:** Chris reads a letter from Bill Russell regarding his use of his sawmill on other peoples property. The Board refers the letter back to Chris, as Zoning Administrator. She will consult with Vince Paradis, Esq. when writing a response.
- **Town Hall Update:** Chris updates the Board, we have gotten some violations on the fire panel in the Hall, she will contact Paul Metruk to cure these violations before Bob Stone comes back in for the final building inspection.
- **8:25 PM: The Board Adjourns**

Respectfully submitted by Chris Murphy

Read and Approved as written/as amended

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Steve Walkerman, Chair