

Minutes DRB Meeting July 18, 2017

Members present: Ira Clark, Sue Sellew, Paul Kristensen, Peter Anderson.

Members absent: Joe Ronan

Visitors present: Applicant Chris Carroll, Mary Russ (resident), John Broker-Campbell (VT DEC), Kevin Blakeman (resident), Geo Honigford (newly-appointed Flood Hazard Bylaw Administrator); Margy Becker, Interim Flood Hazard Bylaw Administrator (taking minutes).

Peter Anderson convened the meeting at 6:30PM and recessed for a site visit to Chris Carroll's (applicant) property on south VT Rte. 14.

1. Public Hearing on Application by Chris Carroll for Flood Hazard Permit:

Ira Clark reconvened the DRB meeting and opened the public hearing at 7:50PM. DRB provided observations from the site visit for the record. DRB members heard testimony from the applicant and John-Broker Campbell, VT DEC for the record. It was established that the base flood elevation for this application is the Irene high water mark, as referenced off the bottom of the well cap on the Lisa Johnson property immediately upstream. Applicant testified, and the VT DEC representative confirmed, that the finished floor elevation will be more than one foot above a BFE of 428.04. The finished floor elevation will be 430.29. Ira Clark closed the public hearing at 8:45PM.

2. Public Comments on Bylaw language:

DRB members discussed the interpretation of 'dry land access' as supplied from the VT DEC, in response to Kevin Blakeman's request for definition. John Broker-Campbell, VT DEC will work with the DRB to apply the "dry land access" definition.

3. Pre-Application Meeting: Applicant Paul Kristensen

Paul Kristensen explained he has logging roads across his property. He does use these roads, and there is one stream crossing that will require a culvert and a second crossing where the culvert needs to be replaced. He interprets the Bylaw to apply to 'installation of bridges and culverts' in re: page 6, 6.4(6). It was agreed that this application will be turned over to Geo Honigford, who has newly-hired to be the Town's Flood Hazard Bylaw Administrator.

4. Deliberative Session:

Motion by Sue Sellew to enter deliberative session for the purpose of discussing the Chris Carroll application and whether or not to grant conditional use approval. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The DRB exited deliberative session at 9:50PM and announced it will continue its deliberative session on Tuesday, August 15th after Planning Commission business is concluded.

5. Adjournment:

Motion by Ira Clark to adjourn the DRB meeting at 9:50pm. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Submitted by,
Margy Becker
Interim Flood Hazard Bylaw Administrator
For Christopher Carroll Application