

Town of Sharon, Vermont
Development Review Board Site Visit Minutes
August 8, 2023
(As approved on 9/13/2023)

The meeting was publicly warned in conformance with the January 2022 amendments to the Vermont Open Meeting law requirements for remote and/or telephonic meetings.

Future Meeting Dates – Mark Your Calendars

- Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 PM – regular SPC/DRB meeting

Harrington site visit: Application for Flood Hazard Permit

6:30PM the site visit convened at 60 Moore Road as scheduled.

Attending site visit (in person): John Roe, Paul Kristensen, Sue Sellew, Dee Gish and Lucy Gibson, AO Geo Honigford, applicant Roger Harrington, Margaret Harrington and John and Marsha Semple (friends of the Harringtons).

John opened the visit at 6:30 and explained the purpose of the visit and that the hearing would be continued in the town offices. The participants walked to the bridge site.

Roger explained that the property has been in his family for five generations. The abutment on the west side of Elmers Brook is in good shape and is well-placed. The abutment on the east side of the brook was repaired about 40 years ago. This east abutment is again in need of repair and the bridge is not safe. The proposed project would include removing the bridge deck, frame and cement blocks, and widening the distance between the abutments to 21 feet. The east abutment would be replaced as would the frame and deck. Rocks in Elmers Brook would be removed and used to stabilize the stream bank. Any fill created by the project would be used to improve the farm road. The Harringtons want to fix this bridge so that they can access their land on the west side of the brook to restore and hay the fields and manage the woodland. The repaired bridge will have the same width.

A.O. Geo Honigford added that an engineer from the Agency of Natural Resources visited the site and that the State has signed off on the project.

Visit adjourned at approximately 6:50PM.

