



TOWN OF SHARON
15 School Street
Sharon, VT 05065

Selectboard
Aldrich Farm Road
Site Visit
June 11th, 2024 FINAL

In-Person Attendees: Kevin Gish, Chair; Scott Henkels, Vice Chair; Sarah Pfeiffer, Clerk; Frank Rogers, Road Foreman; Nicola Shipman, Selectboard Assistant; Sari Galanes, Resident; Grant Ritter, Resident; Mark Neuroth, Resident; Lee Simek, Resident

Call to Order

Kevin Gish called the site visit to order at 6:32PM

Aldrich Farm Road Site Visit

The participants discussed the actual conditions of the roads including visible material, the location of four culverts, the presence of ledge, the grade of the road at various locations, the width of the road at various locations, and location and angle of driveway access points onto the private road.

Scott Henkels asked about water running through Culvert #2 as he thought it had potential to be a perennial stream and wanted to clarify if the landowners were aware if they needed any permits from ANR or if they knew anything about the stream. The landowners were not aware if the stream was considered perennial or intermittent. The answer will require further inquiry from the landowners and/or Town.

Scott Henkels asked if there was underground power, and if the residents knew where those power lines would be located.

Residents confirmed there are underground power lines except for Lee Simek's property, which has above ground power.

Adjourn

At 7:20PM, Kevin Gish made a motion to adjourn the site visit and to reconvene the June 10th public hearing scheduled to resume on June 11th at the Town Offices in Sharon starting at 7:45PM. Sarah Pfeiffer seconded. Motion approved unanimously.



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Public Hearing Continuation
June 11th, 2024 DRAFT

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Participating via Zoom: Lee Simek, Resident

Call to Order

Kevin Gish reconvened the June 10th Aldrich Farm Public Hearing at 7:45PM.

Chair Kevin Gish read aloud from the Town Highway Policy, particularly section 6.2.

Mark Neuroth asked what the standards would be for property owners if they would seek to request a Class 4 Town Highway versus a Class 3 Town Highway designation.

Frank Rogers stated the standards for new construction are good guidelines. The Town will follow up to make sure they provide accurate information for the landowners.

Sari Galanes wanted to share her concerns about water flow, and she is concerned that road improvements could impact her property potentially creating a larger wet area on her property.

Frank Rogers mentioned there is a stormwater runoff system adjacent to Route 132.

Scott Henkels reiterated that the property boundaries are the center line of the road.

Lee Simek asked about the Town's right of way.

Nicola Shipman presented deeds and property surveys and suggested the right of way Lee was referencing is likely a VAST right-of-way negotiated directly with property owners and VAST, rather than a Town Highway right of way.

Mark Neuroth asked if there would be a process such as further petitioning or additional requests for this road.

Kevin Gish responded that this is a new process for the current Selectboard, and they would have to navigate this with the petitioners as there are procedural questions the Board cannot answer yet.



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Sari Galanes asked additional questions about the requirements of the curb cuts in the Town Highway policy.

Frank Rogers, Road Foreman, answered with details about how the Town evaluates curb cuts.

At 8:10PM, Scott Henkels made a motion to adjourn the public hearing until July 1st, 2024 at 7:00PM. Sarah Pfeiffer seconded. Motion approved unanimously.