



GEORGIA VERMONT

DRB MEETING

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Chris Letourneau Meeting Room and via Zoom
Minutes

Zoom Details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6165843896?pwd=STduU2JzTmpiVmE1MXZSaWZWLzVadz09>

Meeting ID: 616 584 3896 | Passcode: 5243524

Dial by your Location: 1 929 205 6099 (New York)

1. CALL TO ORDER - 7:00 PM

DRB BOARD PRESENT

Chair Suzanna Brown
Vice Chair Charles Cross
Greg Drew
James Powell
Gilles Rainville
Lisa Faure
Jared Waite

DRB BOARD ABSENT

Glenn Sjoblom
Chris Caspers (alternate)

STAFF PRESENT

Doug Bergstrom, Zoning Administrator
Kollene Caspers, Zoning Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Sara Nye Vester
Granger Vester
Ben Richards
Phil Forester
Eric and Krista Lothrop

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Two-Lot Minor Subdivision (SK-001-24) for the Estate of Pauline Nye

Sara Nye Vester present to speak on behalf of the hearing.

- Sara explained it was inheritance property from her mother's estate. This land will not be developed at this time, to be used mostly for gathering wood and hunting. These 15 acres will join the additional 70 acre abutting land Sara owns with current use/ forestry plan.
- Sara was required by the probate court of her mother's estate to section off the 15 acres to add to the 70 acres, which had been sectioned off prior to estate probate.
- Questions from the public/abutters:

- Sara shared the map of the property to be subdivided according to the estate specifications.
- Several abutters spoke with Sara, her husband and the DRB with various questions, mostly about development of more houses.

-Motion to adjourn the hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Motion made by Rainville, Seconded by Powell.

Voting Yea: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Cross, Drew, Powell, Rainville, Faure, Waite

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. DRB Meeting Minutes May 7, 2024

May 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes approved with change to the status of the alternate board member.

Motion made by Chair Brown.

Voting Yea: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Cross, Drew, Powell, Rainville, Faure

Voting Abstaining: Waite

5. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Discussion on South Village Sidewalks

- D. Bergstrom and S. Brown addressed the Selectboard at the May 13, 2024 meeting regarding the Sidewalk and Bike Path grant, with the potential to install sidewalks along Ballard Road, Rt 7 and along Highbridge Road.
- The Selectboard was hesitant to approve the DRB and Planning Commission to apply for the sidewalk grant at this time, particularly due to the 20% financial match the Town of Georgia would have to contribute to the project.
- The Selectboard voted to not pursue the sidewalk grant at this time, but the DRB will still hold the authority to add or request sidewalks for any projects presented in their course of business.
- Ben Richards questioned the reasoning for Georgia Market tearing up asphalt to put in concrete sidewalks similar to Dollar General. D. Bergstrom explained it is in accordance with VTrans regulations (Vermont State regulations.) Georgia Market would prefer to curb it, but VTrans regulations mandates the concrete walkway. B. Richards opined it was a waste of resources, time and money; and questioned whether someone could ask the Governor, or other higher authority to change the regulations.

6. PLAN NEXT MEETING AGENDA

A. June 4, 2024

- The June 4, 2024 DRB meeting will have one hearing, Northwest VT Solid Waste Management (SP-002-24) Site Plan for three (3) additions to the existing structure.

7. DELIBERATIONS

Motion to enter into Deliberative session at 7:25pm

Motion made by Vice Chair Cross, Seconded by Rainville.

Voting Yea: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Cross, Drew, Powell, Rainville, Faure, and Waite

Motion to exit Deliberative session at 8:03pm

Motion made by Rainville, Seconded by Vice Chair Cross.

Voting Yea: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Cross, Drew, Powell, Rainville, Faure, and Waite

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm

Motion made by Rainville, Seconded by Drew.

Voting Yea: Chair Brown, Vice Chair Cross, Drew, Powell, Rainville, Faure, Waite

Posted to the Town website.

Signed: Kollene Caspers, Zoning Clerk, DRB Clerk

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