



Approved 3-9-2016

Minutes Feb. 8, 2016

Present: Ken Minck, Suzanna Brown, Bill Ellis, Kent Henderson, and Rob Meader (held at Library) Absent, Fred Grimm & Nancy Volatile Wood

7:04 Call to order by Kent Henderson.

Minutes: January Minutes Rob moved and Bill 2nd unanimous

Financial Report: Not available

General fund	\$
CRF	\$
Line item balance	\$

Correspondence: AVCC Listserv discussion

Select Board Minutes review: 1/11/16 Letter of intent to permit for a road cut for the new RGNA parking lot 1/25/2016.

Kent appointed as the Town of Georgia representative to the NWRPC Clear Water Advisory Committee.

On-going business:

RGNA parking lot: The plans continue to be revised; 1/25/16 to meet Shannon Morrison, Wetlands Ecologist's approval. The grading of the parking area was changed and the dimensions of the culvert were changed to keep the outlet out of the 50-foot wetland buffer. The plans were then sent back to Peter Pochop, VTrans permit coordinator for review. Some minor changes were made based on his comments 1/27/16.

Shannon Morrison has given preliminary approval based on the site plan, but wants to do a site visit when she returns from vacation in approx. 2 weeks. Nevertheless, we will be moving forward with submitting the application.

The current plan has been submitted to Jeff McMahon ANR permit specialist, along with a project narrative for him to review and provide us with a Project Review Sheet (PRS). Geoff Green, with the District 6 Environmental Commission needs to sign the PRS before we can receive it and move on with processing the ACT 250 permit application as an admin. Amendment. Geoff Green will be back from vacation Feb 16, so we can expect the PRS sometime next week.

Mosley Parcel: Nothing new

By-laws: The entire document completed its 1st reading

Henley Webster walking trail: Ken did some basic trail clearing after trail layout by Nancy Patch. Kent had fielded a select board member's inquiry regarding a mountain bike trail. After consulting the county forester and full discussion by the commission it was decided to advise that this particular plot would be too small to support this activity and the upkeep would be too costly.

Lost Pond ROW: Rob indicated Alton Lombard was in Colorado until March and another attempt would be made to meet with the Lombard's upon their return to VT, a draft ROW alignment map will be sent to Alton with a possible March meeting.

VT Gas: ROW maintenance, Ken to make call

New business:

Webinar on organic diversion scheduled for 3-7-16 11 am-12.30 pm
Apple tree pruning: Suz to check with Coyote about holding this event at the Library patron's resident that requested the event.

Other:

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Town Officer Education Conferences (TOECs) dates were announced to see if there would be interest in attending. When the 2016 agenda is made available, Kent will email out info to commission members.

Next Meeting: March 21 at Town Municipal Building 7-9 pm

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