



**Minutes 10-21-2019**

**Approved 11-18-2019**

Present: Ken Minck, Kent Henderson, Chris Bouchard, Fred Grimm, and Suzanna Brown  
Guests: Jason Burt, Todd Cadieux, Carl Rosenquist and Heather Grimm

Jason and Todd were here to discuss the possible reclassification of the CL4 portion of Sliver Lake Rd. about .2 miles long. If the road was reclassified to a trail, it is no longer a "highway" and Act 64 requirements would not apply. There was discussion about removing the culvert and installing a stone lined swale, a pedestrian bridge would be required. Two property owners on each side of the road would be affected. The Commission does not favor downgrading of this CL4 road.

Heather Grimm met with the Commission regarding Boy Scout involvement in Green-Up day. Her interest is not so much in trash collection; they have had negative experiences picking up drug paraphernalia. Suz suggested they might adopt a trail at Silver Lake Woods or another natural area and hike it regularly to report any trail maintenance that might be required.

**Minutes:** September Kent moved and Chris 2<sup>nd</sup>, no changes unanimous.

**Financial Report: Not Available**

CRF

General Fund:

Line items:

**Correspondence:** Tactical Basin Planning – Public meeting 10-29-19 6:30 pm at the Fire Station

**Town Government Minutes:** Emergency rescue at SLW – A gentleman fell and was rescued by the Fire Department and Fairfax rescue.

**On-going business:**

**Silver Lake Woods:** Additional Trails: VYCC worked on the site the week of October 14<sup>th</sup>. Suz expressed disappointment with the work that was accomplished. The first day the crew could not find the new trail. Crossing stones were positioned in two stream crossings.

Some brush was trimmed, but essentially the trail looked the same as when it was flagged in the spring. Suz will talk with Jenn at VYCC.

**Wayside sign:** Suz acquired historical information and she is in contact with the designer at LCBP. Chris got a pic of Fran for the sign.

**Gate:** VELCO installed an unlocked gate at the property border.

**Water bars:** Chris volunteered to clean the water bar on the access road.

**2. Lost Pond Parcel ROW:** No new news

**3. RGNA:** Kent walked the trail and is working on information for the kiosk.

**New Business:** 2020 budget brainstorming

**Next Meeting:** 11-18-2019

**Concerns for Select Board:** While not discussed at this meeting I am taking the liberty of attaching information received from NWRPC on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Bethany Remmers**

1:18 PM (5 hours ago)

Hi Ken,

The Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) does not require municipalities to replace culverts that convey perennial streams. The definition of a perennial stream (from the 2017 Vermont Stream

Alteration Rule) is “a watercourse or portion, segment, or reach of a watercourse, generally exceeding 0.5 square miles in watershed size, in which surface flows are not frequently or consistently interrupted during normal seasonal low flow periods. Perennial streams that begin flowing subsurface during low flow periods, due to natural geologic conditions, remain defined as perennial. All other streams, or stream segments of significant length, shall be termed intermittent. A perennial stream shall not include the standing waters in wetlands, lakes, and ponds.”

Here is the link to a map that highlights the streams with an upstream drainage of 0.5 square miles or greater. These streams are presumed to be perennial.

[https://anrweb.vt.gov/PubDocs/DEC/WSMD/Rivers/docs/SA\\_SWS/StreamAlterations\\_Georgia.pdf](https://anrweb.vt.gov/PubDocs/DEC/WSMD/Rivers/docs/SA_SWS/StreamAlterations_Georgia.pdf)

When it comes to the Silver Lake culvert, because it is a perennial stream, the Town would not be required to replace the culvert in order to comply with the MRGP.

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