

DRB Meeting  
June 12, 2018

Those present: Richard McLain, Oliver Welters, Larry Gochey, Brad Alexander, Harold Houston, Michael Cookson, Jack Daniels, Susan Dineen, Kathleen Hoyne, Beth Wade, Michael Wright, Amie Wright

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Richard McLain, Chair.

1. Review of Agenda - The Agenda was reviewed with no additions.
2. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
3. Appeal No. 262 Variance Application to construct a playground within property setbacks at 3084 Main Street.

- a. This is an open hearing and Richard McLain advised that all questions are to be directed to the Board and the Chair will recognize each person to having the floor.
- b. He then swore in all those who wish to speak on the Application.
- c. Susan Dineen, Chair of the Library Trustees made a correction that this is not a playground, but a single piece structure, 22' x 38' and will be surrounded by cedar logs and a vinyl covered chain link fence. The location of the structure will be above the cut of the stone wall with a gate that feeds the children in to the structure. The pitch of the entrance from the stone wall will be lowered to allow for handicap access. The age for this structure is for children 2-12.

Jack Daniels explained that the Selectboard supports this, and has met with the Library Trustees, and we are pleased that it is on Town property, and recommends that they receive a variance. He also advised that the highway crew will be doing the excavation and the cutting of the trees.

Richard wanted to know if there will be signage and hours that this will be open.

Susan explained there will be signs and they are part of the package. The insurance company (VLCT) has signed off on this.

Peydon Wright wanted to know if this would be funded through taxes.

Susan explained that the library received a grant, and Friends of the Library will also fund some of this.

Larry asked about the Snowmobile Trail.

Beth Wade responded that this is why there has to be some trees removed to accommodate the trail.

Susan suggested to Jack that perhaps we should consider putting a sign out front stating that there are children playing.

Mike Cookson has three grandchildren and they will be coming to play, but he was wondering why the school playground wouldn't suffice. He was also concerned because he has wrecks coming in and trucks picking up wrecks and is concerned about the safety of the children.

Susan stated that since this is going to be sponsored by the Library it would be best to have it situated at the Willey Building so patrons of the library could let their children play while

they visited the library. She assured him that this is above the stone fence and away from his establishment.

Kathleen wanted to know about a time frame for a decision.

Larry advised they would make a decision tonight. However, there would be a 15-day appeal.

Kathleen then asked what happens if there is an appeal.

Richard explained that they would need to re-examine the Variance. He also stated that if there was no more testimony they would closed the hearing. There was no further testimony and it was closed at 6:29 p.m.

4. Appeal 263 Conditional Use Application to create a multifamily compound, 130 West Shore Road.
  - a. Richard McLain advised this was an Open Hearing and that all questions are to be directed to the Board and the Chair will recognize you prior to having the floor.
  - b. He then swore in those who wish to speak on this application.
  - c. Michael Wright spoke that the original permit was for a bed and breakfast, but since that time he and his wife decided not to do a B&B but chose to have a single family dwelling. At the present time, they are using the garage for a place to live and want to turn this back into a garage. The kids would build their own house and as soon as they decide to do this, their name(s) will be added to the deed.

Harold Houston was concerned about the well protection and encroaching upon his property which is adjacent to the Wright property.

Michael Wright stated that he was interested in purchasing this property. He also stated that he may have to amend the zoning permit.

Each house is to have its own waste and water system. They do want to maintain rural Vermont.
  - d. Richard asked if there was any more testimony. There was none and he moved to close the testimony at 6:54 p.m.

We came out of Deliberative Session at 7:16.

Richard asked if there were any other business. There was none. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.