

**Town of Egremont Massachusetts**  
**Meeting of the Outdoor Recreation Bylaw Ad Hoc Committee Minutes:**

Date: January 13, 2016

Start Time: 7:33pm

Place: Town Hall Egremont

Members present: Charles Flynn (Chairman), Karen Berger, Tom Gilbert, Helen Krancer, Tom Berkel

Member(s) absent: none

Also present were Eileen Vining, Marj Wexler, and Ted Vining

The minutes for November 18<sup>th</sup> were approved.

Charlie explained that there was a request for technical assistance proposal submitted by the board of Selectmen and behalf of Outdoor Recreation District bylaw committee. He also said that there were two proposals submitted to Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC). One was from this committee, and another one submitted from the Planning Board. The Board of Selectmen was asked by the BRPC which was a higher priority, and they were told to give this committee proposal a higher priority. He is hoping from a response from BRPC in a couple of weeks about approval of the technical assistant grant, but that the timeline for turnaround is unknown. If approved, it is likely Brian Domina from BRPC will be attending our committee meetings and working with us.

Brian did recommend to Charlie that we put together a laundry list of issues familiar to ski areas and golf courses. This prompted suggestions from committee members that include snowmaking, parking, lights, grooming, snowplowing, ancillary buildings, storage equipment, operation of small equipment, lifts and trails, noise, concerns for abutters, tree and brush removal, and chemicals for lawn fertilizing.

Helen asked questions about location and size of Golf Club, and Charlie reviewed site map on the wall with Helen.

Karen asked some questions about the definition of the term "pre-existing". Charlie was hopeful that BRPC will take the lead on the definition of pre-existing.

Helen asked if this bylaw will preclude the need for special permits. Charlie indicated that we should defer that question to BRPC, and that we should look to them to help us address these questions and other issues as well.

Charlie reminded everyone that is not just for Catamount, but rather the better interest of the town of Egremont, and this bylaw will encompass the entire town. Tom B. agreed that this bylaw will have a benefit to the town, and continued to express that the bylaw should become more comprehensive as a result of this technical assistance from this grant.

The grant was reviewed and discussed, and there appeared to have general support by all committee members.

Helen asked what would occur if we do not receive the grant. Charlie suggested that we can continue to pursue this as best as possible, but believes outside technical help will help to get town approval at an annual town

meeting. In the event we do not secure this grant, Helen suggested that we get some consulting estimates for assistance. Both Charlie and Tom B agreed.

Charlie suggested that we continue to compile questions for the BRPC, and that we will schedule our next meeting after we get a response from the BRPC. The next meeting will not be scheduled until after we hear from BRPC and can identify a schedule when their representative can attend our meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29

Submitted by Tom Gilbert, Recording Secretary