

Minutes of Meeting of January 4, 2022

Egremont Bylaw Review Committee via Zoom

In Attendance:

Mary McGurn (MM), Chairwoman

Steve Goodman (SG), Secretary/Treasurer

Eileen Vining (EV)

Absent were Richard Allen and Robert Sandor

Chairwoman MM convened the meeting at 3:06 pm.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee from 11/16/22 were unanimously adopted by those present.

Discussion resumed regarding Bylaw 17.1.7 (Design Requirements). SG circulated a drawing depicting a cross-section of a roadway and labeling the various parts (carriageway, shoulder, right of way, etc.). EV's proposed definitions were also reviewed. It was the sense of the committee that this section requires more careful definitions in order to avoid internal inconsistencies in requirements. It was suggested that a meeting be held with the Highway Superintendent to review terminology as well as the specific requirements of Bylaw 17.1.7. MM agreed to arrange such a meeting and SG agreed to accompany her.

Discussion then proceeded to SG's memo proposing revisions to Bylaws 17.1.3 and 17.1.4. After certain revisions were proposed, it was suggested that SG recirculate a revised 17.1.3 to reflect these changes.

Given that Bylaws 17.1.7.4, and 17.1.7.5 were approved at the committee meeting of November 16, attention returned to Bylaw 17.1.7.6. It was determined that the discussion with the Highway Superintendent was necessary to complete work on this and the following sections of Bylaw 17.1.7 through Bylaw 17.1.7.11.

The Committee then discussed Bylaw 17.1.7.12. It was suggested that Bylaw 17.1.7.12 be moved to the revised Bylaw 17.1.3 that SG would prepare, since the provisions of Bylaw 17.1.7.12 related to the permitting process. For the same

reasons, it was suggested that Bylaws 17.1.5 and 17.1.6 be moved to Bylaw 17.1.3 as well. SG agreed to incorporate these changes in his revision of Bylaw 17.1.3.

SG then pointed out that in his memo of March 23, 2022 to the Committee he had reported that Monterey had an enforcement process spelled out in its bylaws and that Egremont's bylaws have no enforcement mechanism once the permit is issued. At the Committee's request, SG agreed to circulate the terms of the Monterey bylaw to members of the Committee.

A discussion of Bylaw 17.1.7.13 then commenced. It was suggested that the subject of culvert maintenance be raised in the meeting with the Highway Superintendent, as well as the issue of inspections of work performed. EV then proposed that Bylaw 17.1.7.13 be split into two separate sections, one outlining the responsibilities for owners of new driveways and one for owners of driveways which were grandfathered at the time the bylaw was originally adopted. SG agreed to circulate a revised version of this bylaw for consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion was deferred on the remaining sections of Bylaw 17 in the interests of time. However, it was suggested that MM inquire of the Select Board whether the Select Board should be the "enforcing agent" under Bylaw 17.1.9.3, or whether this should be the Highway Superintendent, and whether the "enforcing agent" should be identified as the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

The Committee then agreed that its next meeting would be held at 4:00 pm on January 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.

SG