

**Town of Wallingford VT
Development Review Board (DRB) Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 12, 2016
Town Offices 75 School St. Wallingford Village**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Erica Berner, Carol Ann Martin, William Brooks

MEMBERS ABSENT: N. Astin, J. Burkett

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeffrey Biasuzzi (Zoning Administrator), Sue & Rob Carey (agents for Applicant), Phillip Lidstone (Abutter)

The meeting opened (late) at 6:45 pm by William Brooks; and audio was digitally recorded.

The meeting Agenda was reviewed. E. Berner Motioned to accept the Agenda, CA Martin seconded, all approved and Motion passed.

Neighbor P. Lidstone was unable to stay longer, and discussed his concerns to the DRB.

A Motion was made by CA Martin to nominate W. Brooks as DRB Chairman, and E. Berner seconded. W. Brooks accepted the Motion to serve as Chairman for the DRB. (Another vote will be required at the next DRB Meeting, to secure a majority approval of the Board.)

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Brooks opened the Public Hearing of Application #16-16, for an externally lit , free standing Sign, to be installed in front of the Union Congregational Church at 4210 Rt. 7, South Wallingford.

All interested Parties were sworn in.

J. Biasuzzi introduced the Application to the Board.

Sue Carey (agent) discussed the sign's details and presented photos of the line of sight from the sign's proposed location. Her testimony stated that the sign would be located 10 feet west from the US Rt. 7 Right of Way. She stated that the sign location had been reviewed by Brian Sanderson, VTRANS supervisor. In answer to W. Brooks question; the sign was to be down- lit by externally mounted solar powered LED lamps.

Chairman Brooks referenced P. Lidstone's verbal testimony on his concerns regarding visibility, and acceptance of the application.

W. Brooks requested a Motion to approve the application. CA Martin moved to approve the application, E. Berner seconded, all approved and Motion passed.

E. Berner Moved to close the Public Hearing, CA Martin seconded, all approved and the Hearing was closed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

J. Biasuzzi updated the DRB on environmental testing at the Cumberland Farms (CF) construction site. No serious contamination found, and contaminated soils found were trucked off site. An environmental report by Environmental Compliance Services Inc., with offices in Brattleboro VT, was submitted to the Zoning Administrator on 8/26/16, and is in the DRB File for Permit #16-01.

J. Biasuzzi discussed a request by CF to amend the graphic design, but not the dimensions, of the existing, free standing street sign. The Board agreed with the ZA that, per the Zoning Ordinance, the minor amendment requested did not require reopening the approved permit.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be as Permit applications require.

E. Berner Motioned to end the Meeting. A CA Martin seconded all approved, and the Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted 9/15/16 by: _____
J. Biasuzzi, recorder