

**Minutes of Meeting of 10/6/22, completed 10/26/22  
Egremont Bylaw Review Committee via Zoom**

In Attendance:

Mary McGurn (MM), Chairwoman

Steve Goodman (SG), Secretary/Treasurer

Robert Sandor (RS)

Eileen Vining (EV)

Richard Allen (RA) joined the meeting as indicated below.

Chairwoman MM convened the meeting on October 6 at 3:37 pm.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee from 9/28/22 were unanimously adopted by those present, subject to SG's review of the Zoom recording and confirmation that the final resolution was accurately described.

MM advised the Committee that a report of the Committee's activities from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 would have to be prepared for the Town's Annual Report. EV volunteered to prepare a draft of such a report.

Discussion resumed of Bylaw 17. After extensive consideration, the Committee determined that it needed further guidance from James Noe, the Highway Superintendent, regarding the Town's relationship to private roads. MM agreed to speak with Mr. Noe.

Proceedings were suspended at 4:48 pm as a result of another committee using the Town Zoom account.

The meeting resumed on October 26 at 4:08 pm. All members present at the beginning of the meeting on October 6 were present.

SG indicated that he had reviewed the Zoom recording of the 9/28/22 meeting and that the minutes approved by the Committee were accurate as written. The Committee then ratified its earlier approval.

It was agreed at this point in the meeting that the next meeting would be held on November 9, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

The draft Committee report prepared by EV for the Town Annual Report was then discussed and several comments were offered. Because of time constraints, the Committee then agreed that MM was authorized to revise portions of EV's draft and submit it for the Town Annual Report on behalf of the Committee.

MM indicated that the All Boards Meeting of the Town would be held on November 29.

The Committee then discussed the process for finalizing the Bylaws and submitting them to the Town for a vote at a Town Meeting. In general, it was determined that once the substantive issues are determined, the Committee will then proceed to review the entire body of the Bylaws to make them internally consistent, both in terminology and in numbering. Upon completion of that process, the proposed Bylaws will be submitted to the Select Board for their review and approval. Any revisions

suggested by the Select Board will be considered by the Committee. Once the Select Board is satisfied with the proposed Bylaws, the Committee and the Select Board whether additional steps are required prior to the Town Meeting at which the Bylaws will be proposed for approval.

RA then joined the meeting.

Discussion resumed regarding Bylaw 17. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that the title to Bylaw 17 should be changed from "Roads and Bridges and Driveways to "Access to Public Ways" and that, because there is no Bylaw 17.2, all paragraphs of the bylaw which are currently numbered as subsections of Bylaw 17.1 should be renumbered as subsections of Bylaw 17.

Discussion then turned to Section 17.1.1 (Definitions). Changes were proposed to the definition of "Driveway" in what is now Section 17.1.1.2 (to be renumbered Section 17.1.2). After discussion of various proposed definitions, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that Section 17.1.1.2 be revised to read in its entirety as follows:

Driveway: a privately owned road providing vehicular access to and egress from a way; excluding a private road providing temporary access when no excavation is performed or fill added at the intersection of the private road with the way.

No further changes were made to Section 17.1.1.

No substantive changes were proposed or made to Section 17.1.2 (Purposes). RA suggested that, as part of the final review of all of the Bylaws for internal consistency and other stylistic changes, the subsections of Section 17.1.2 should be combined into a single sentence. The consensus of the committee was that this would be appropriate.

The Committee then discussed Section 17.1.3 (Permits). After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that Section 17.1.3 be revised to read in its entirety as follows:

Any abutting property owner desiring to gain vehicular access to a way or desiring to alter an existing driveway shall do so only in accordance with the provisions of a permit issued by the Select Board.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 pm.