

**Minutes of Meeting of 11/9/22
Egremont Bylaw Review Committee via Zoom**

In Attendance:

Mary McGurn (MM), Chairwoman
Steve Goodman (SG), Secretary/Treasurer
Robert Sandor (RS)
Eileen Vining (EV)

Select Board Member Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen attended as a visitor.

Absent was Richard Allen

Chairwoman MM convened the meeting at 3:05 pm.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee from 10/6/22, completed 10/22/22 were unanimously adopted by those present.

There was discussion of the presentation of the Committee's report to be made at the All Boards Meeting on November 29. It was suggested that the presenter indicate that the Committee would be seeking an opportunity to address the Select Board at one of its regular meetings to discuss the bylaw draft an possible educational outreach to the community regarding the revised bylaws and possibly some modest funding for that purpose, probably not to exceed \$1,000.

EV then proposed an amendment to the definition of "Driveway" set forth in Bylaw 17.1.1.2 adopted at the last meeting of the Committee. The proposal was to add language excluding access roads to agricultural land from the definition, as reflected in the highlighted language below:

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 ***and excluding a privately-owned road providing access to and egress from land used exclusively for farming or agricultural purposes.***

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee rejected the proposal by a vote of 3-1.

There followed discussion regarding combining Bylaws 17.1.3 (Permits) and 17.1.4 (Application) into a single section with subsections. Upon motion, duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the caption "17.1.4 Application" be eliminated and the subsections for former Bylaw 17.1.4 be added as subsections to Bylaw 17.1.3.

It was then proposed that former Bylaw 17.1.4.1 be modified. After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that former Bylaw 17.1.4.1 be modified to read in its entirety as follows:

Before beginning construction of the driveway, the abutting property owner or his duly authorized agent shall make written application for the permit, on forms available at the Town Hall, to the Highway Superintendent, including a plan showing:

17.1.4.1.1 Any driveway that is to be created or altered; and

17.1.4.1.2 details on drainage.

Discussion then proceeded to former Bylaw 17.1.4.2. After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that former Bylaw 17.1.4.2 be modified to read in its entirety as follows:

The application shall contain a description of the proposed construction as far as it encroaches upon or affects the way and the shoulders, banks, ditches, drainage and other features within the right of way.

The Committee then reviewed former Bylaw 17.1.4.3. After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that former Bylaw 17.1.4.3 be adopted without change, so that it will read in its entirety as follows:

The application shall also describe the effect on traffic.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was then adjourned at 4:50 pm.

SG