



## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2023

Members: Judy Bickford, Don McDowell, Christopher Palermo, Laura Streets

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Chief Jason Luneau, InterimTown Administrator; Judi Alberi, Administrator's Assistant; Kevin Barrows, Highway Superintendent

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Tyler Mumley, Chip Percy, Don Avery, Josh Fox, Michele Fox, Etienne Hancock, Paul Keating, Jennifer Kramer, Jade Prashw, Jessica Graham, Jamie Brewster, Ronald Stancliff, Yon Perras, Uwanna Perros, Brendan Murphy

*\*participating via Zoom*

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### PUBLIC MEETING SITE VISIT

Judy Bickford called the public meeting to order at 4:00pm

#### **1. Discuss planned 2023 operations for the haul road area of the Phase III project, in accordance with State of Vermont Land Use Permit 5L1136-6**

Tyler Mumley, Mumley Engineering Inc, began the public hearing on-site at the Duhamel Pit by discussing the planned 2023 operations for the haul road area of Phase III project. Mumley Engineering had several maps available for the public to view. The maps showed contour lines, an existing road network and proposed construction for the season. Tyler opened the meeting to all comments and concerns from the folks in attendance.

Several folks had concerns over the Japanese knotweed that is visible on the haul road area and within the proposed construction area. Kevin Barrows, Highway Superintendent, reassured folks that the hired contractor, Percy Inc., had experience in working around knotweed and is experienced in mitigating any spread of knotweed. There is an area where the knotweed can be piled to avoid spreading. Although challenging, knotweed populations can be brought under control through a combination of both mechanical and chemical treatment by cutting and herbicide application respectively.

Other concerns addressed during the meeting involved safety during the construction. Signs will be made for the area leading to the pit, placed on the kiosk below the entrance, on the road gate and within the area as necessary. Safety barrier netting will be placed between the bike path and the construction area so that bikers, hikers, and others do not inadvertently enter the construction site. Also of importance to those present is working in conjunction with the recreation community once construction begins to impede upon the bike trails. Developing a system of communication in which

folks can be informed of progress and how it impacts those in the area recreating.

The last two concerns discussed were how the town would notify the public, more specifically the recreation community, of the construction within the pit area. Many ideas were exchanged between Don Avery and Jamie Brewster with Judi Alberi, Administrative Assistant for the Town of Morristown. Judi will work hard at exploring all options available to get the word out effectively. Lastly, the permit requirements are plenty and will there be a system to maintain deadlines for the requirements and reporting that is mandatory. Judi Alberi will work with Tyler Mumley to create a timeline of deadlines.

## **ADJOURN**

***Motion made by Christopher Palermo to adjourn. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried. (4/0)***

Meeting adjourned at 4:57pm

Submitted and filed this July 20, 2023 .

Judi Alberi, Scribe

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