Town of Enosburg Falls

Consolidated Development Review Board

6-8-16

**MINUTES**

PRESENT:

DRB members-

Polly Rico, Chair

Allen Demar

Normand Gervais

Patrick Hayes

Rick Clark

Michael Bovat

Steve Comeau

Amanda Cronin

Angela Wright, Zoning Administrator

 And DRB clerk

Applicants, representatives of applicants, and abutters and public-

Nancy patch

Walter Opuszynski

Rebecca Pfeiffer

Mary Tryhorne

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Polly opened hearing at 6:35 and read the Notice and Agenda to all in attendance.

Walter Opuszynski, Rebecca Pfeiffer and Nancy Patch were sworn in at 6:40 pm.

Walter explained the proposed project. Primitive campsite proposed for paddlers along the Missisquoi River and he explained the mission of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail. There will be no advertisement locally for general camping. NFCT does not hold easements over private owner property, but sign agreements with property owners to construct these types of primitive campsites. Campsite and associated appurtenances are temporary except the sign-in box. The proposed site is part of the Vermont trail system. Campsite infrastructure is appropriate for 3 to 4 tents and picnic tables and log ladders which will be tethered by a helical anchor. Infrastructure is over-built to accommodate extreme weather and flooding. The privy being proposed is removable. Composting of privy solids will be handled by a company by the name of Full Circle Composting to dispose of human waste. Design of log ladders being used around northeastern US and is considered low-impact in terms of erosion issues.

Dimensions of campsite: radius of 40 feet of “area” of bare ground with mowing. No hardscape planned.

The privy would be installed as early as permissible by weather and removed by Columbus Day in the fall. Log ladders would stay in place for the same amount of time. The sign-in post is only item that would remain in place all year. Vehicular parking available at the dry hydrant or parked on the Missisquoi Street or parking available at the elementary school. All construction is proposed on the Brownway property only.

Rebecca Pfeiffer, State of Vermont, Certified Flood Management Specialist, spoke about the project. Village regulates the fringe of the floodway, Zone A-5. Campsite is located out of Floodway, Zone C. Ladder and upstream access is located in floodway, Zone A5. Village regulates Zone A5. Construction of non-permanent structures in ZoneA5 may not require a certification because it is very low impact construction and she feels the infrastructure being proposed meets requirements of Village regulatory requirement 3.6(2)(a).

Walter advised that the designated “maintainers” in the area are diligent with removing structures prior to a flooding event and are watchful of impending storms and potential high water.

Allen Demar asked about a plan for dealing with unwanted visitors. Nancy Patch advised that gates will be utilized. Trash is to be taken out by visitors, per Nancy Patch. There will be a sign-in box with a place to sign in and a reminder to keep area clean of refuse.

No further questions ensued. Polly explained appeal process to applicant and attendees.

Polly closed the hearing at 7:25 pm.

Normand Gervais moves to go into deliberative session. Amanda Cronin seconds the motion. All in favor, motion passes 8-0. The Board goes into deliberative session at 7:28 pm.

Allen Demar motions to come out of deliberative session, motion is seconded by Rick Clark. All in favor. Motion passes in favor 8-0.

Amanda Cronin read the minutes of the meeting of the February 10, 2016, DRB hearing. Allen Demar moves to approve the Minutes of the February 10, 2016, hearing. Motion is seconded by Rick Clark. Motion passes 8-0 in favor.

No further business is discussed.

Normand Gervais motions to adjourn, Allen Demar seconds the motion. Motion passes 8-0 in favor.

Meeting closes at 8:05 pm.