

MINUTES
TOWN OF VERMONT SPECIAL PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
July 20, 2009 – 7:30 P.M. 4017 MOE ROAD

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting and site visit was called to order by Jim Elleson at 7:30 p.m. Johanna Solms certified the meeting notice was posted at the Black Earth State Bank, Amcore Bank in Mt. Horeb, on the front door of the Town Hall and published in the News Sickle Arrow and Mt. Horeb Mail and on the town website, www.townofvermont.com.

Members present: Jim Elleson, John Brings, Bruce Ellarson, Eric Haugen, Larry Ziemer, and Johanna Solms. Town Chair Mark Sherven was in attendance in place of Barbara Grenlie. Town board member Steve Cowan was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Bruce Ellarson seconded by Johanna Solms and carried 7-0 to approve the agenda as posted.

CONSIDERATION OF REVISED DRIVEWAY ENGINEER PLAN FOR MICHAEL SMITH NEAR
4017 MOE ROAD

Jim Elleson reviewed the notes that were sent out and the timeline. The driveway plan was approved a year ago. Since then a strip of land was sold to the neighbor but the plan as approved would disturb soil over the new property line. The neighbor won't allow any disturbance. The original plan had a side bank but no retaining wall. A 10-foot retaining wall would be necessary to keep the driveway on the same route. This was too big a deviation from the original plan and a work stoppage order went into effect July 9.

The new plan will move the entrance 30 feet north of the original plan, allowing more length coming up, to bring the grade up higher at 13%, reduce the size of the retaining wall to a maximum height of seven feet and move an additional ten feet away from the property line. The slopes are acceptable. The design includes a gabion system, which is a deviation from ordinance specs but will allow it to fit in a narrower space. The commission agreed that this is an acceptable exception. The 2:1 slope of the side banks is also an acceptable exception with an erosion mat. There was discussion of a possible culvert near the top of the driveway to redirect water but all agreed it was unnecessary.

Moved by John Brings, seconded by Bruce Ellarson and carried 8-0 to recommend to the town board to approve the revised driveway engineer plan, dated July 20, 2009, from Michael Smith near 4017 Moe Road.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bruce Ellarson seconded by Eric Haugen and carried 8-0 to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Johanna Solms
Plan Commission Secretary