

DRAFT
TOWN OF RUTLAND
SERVICE ROAD COMMITTEE
LOCAL CONCERNS MEETING

MINUTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

Board members present: Josh Terenzini, Mary Ashcroft, Chris Kiefer-Cioffi

Meeting opened at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Susan Schreibman, Town Local Project Manager presented information to the Board and the audience regarding a study for a proposed Service Road on Route 7 South to alleviate traffic congestion. Ms. Schreibman stated the study is phase one of the project, looking at the feasibility of the road as well as the best placement of the road. Ms. Schreibman said the Committee is working with the South Burlington Vermont consulting company VHB. Ms. Schreibman stated the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2017 when the consultant will present alternatives for the Committee to decide upon.

Farrell Distributing representative Mr. Mr. Todd Boutin requested a meeting with VHB before the October 18, 2017 meeting.

Watershed Consulting Associates Ms. Carrie Garvey explained to the Board and audience the Town is subject to a MS 4 Permit which requires a Restoration Plan for stormwater, and a gravel wetland is planned for the property on Randbury Road. Ms. Garvey stated that until VHB and the Board decides on a design for the road their project is on hold because the gravel wetland location can't be near the proposed road, and there needs an entrance for maintenance. Ms. Garvey stated the once the gravel wetland is in place it will be easier for new businesses to tie into the wetland to control their stormwater.

Mr. Terenzini stated the Board and Department Heads have shown has shown a lot of support for the proposed road.

Ms. Ashcroft said one of the things the Committee wants to do is address the traffic flow issues in the area of Route 7 South and hopes the Service Road will allow better internal circulation. Ms. Ashcroft cited the existing permit the Town has to construct the Farrell Slip Lane which may not be built if the study proves the Service Road will resolve the issues. Ms. Ashcroft said the permit is good for three years and there are two more years left before the permit expires, however the Town could ask for an extension.

Ms. Schriebman stated that one of the alternatives VHB may decide is to not build the Service Road if they come to the conclusion traffic issues will not improve.

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