

West Dover Fire Department
Officer's Meeting
April 28, 2014

Officers Present: Rich Werner, Mickey Kersten, Gary Carruthers, Rick Fletcher, Mike Hescocock, John Snow

Also present: recording secretary Jeannette Eckert

Also in attendance: Dick Meduski, Bob Fisher, Adam Hubbard, Sam Howard, and Bill Zion

The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm

Hathaway Trail project

Recap from March 24th meeting:

- *Owner wants to fix the road but does not want to bring the last part up to 20 feet wide but would like to go to 18 feet wide.*
- *Talked about some type of water storage tank so that there would be water available at the site.*
- *Requested 2 turn outs, including a hammer head so that trucks can turn around & that the road be well maintained in the winter*
- *Adam will review requests with owner*
- *Requested a pressurized hydrant system; ability to put a water tank in*
- *Officers would probably accept that the water tank go in when the first unit's foundation goes in place.*

Adam Hubbard:

- Made changes to the road that were discussed, reviewed the area after the snow melted, some turnouts have been done
 - Some that are 16 ft. need to be brought up to 18 ft.
 - Culverts
 - Hammer head was brought to 24 ft.
 - Driveway made into T turn
- Reviewed the costs
 - Improvements to the road & water tanks may cost more than the lots can justify
 - Future development is uncertain
 - Request consideration of sprinkler systems
- Original agreement was to have access off Someday Rd with dry hydrant system
- Small pond or tank would cost \$150,000
- You have the ability to put conditions in the permit
- Our intent is to do the right thing

Bob Fisher:

- 5 lots—Understand that Fire Depts. want to have better fire protection for every development
- Already have an Act 250 permit for 5 lot subdivision below
 - Dry hydrant which serves all of Someday Rd
 - Has protection from the pond
- Issues are:
 - 1. To bring roads up to standard for fire trucks to get there
 - 2. Turn around areas for those trucks
 - 3. Houses built in such a way that they are less apt to burn

- Sprinkler system would provide immediate response—can be worked into the price of the house
- WDFD is less than a mile from this development
- Where else have you required a pressurized hydrant system?
- Cost of the tank is an upfront cost
- We are in initial stages, need approval for Act 250, have to go before the DRB, road improvements need approval from the Select board

WDFD:

- Don't need a tank, or a pressurized hydrant system, just need a water supply
- Sprinkler system does not put out a fire, just gives people time to get out
- Majority of house fires take place in the winter; when it is busiest
- What we are asking for is asked of all developments—not singling this project out
- Can the size of the pipe be enlarged?—500-700 gallons a minute would satisfy us
 - 1000 gallons a minute is average for a fire truck
 - Truck would act as a pump—Engineers would have to create a larger pipe
 - Friction loss to be considered
 - Roughly 10,000 gallons on wheels between WD & ED Fire Depts.
- 18 foot wide road does not allow two trucks to pass---would consider it at 24 feet wide
- Sprinkler system does not operate in a power failure
- Widening the road would work, as long as no more lots are built
- Conditions don't always work with Act 250 permits; lack of enforcement & oversight
- Consider putting in tank with the purchase of the fifth lot
- Figure what the cost of the tank is in relation to the pipe. See what the options are
- Officers would rather see the tank, once the fourth lot is sold; build that into permit
- Bring road up to specs as proposed by Adam; willing to look at pipe proposal but would prefer the tank
- Not here to block development, just concerned with safety
- Give us a proposal, will take it to the Select board

Dick Meduski:

- Not a developer, bought the property for his kids
- Going up the road would create the possibility of access to 15 acres
- Six parcels-originally bought one parcel with just the buildings & about 9.5 acres
- Owned property since 2010, project is still in the infantile stages
- Up-front costs are incredible—how can we cover these not knowing what the future holds?
- Only dealing with 5 lots here
- Is there some way to incorporate sprinklers on these five lots, see how they do, having the caveat that a water tank be implemented at 60,000 gallons for any further development on the 15 acres to save on expenses?
- For the Act 250 permit—will have to come back anyway
- If we can make the development an association, it will be to our advantage to share in the expenses
 - Opportunity to have a great community; make it an attractive property

Gear: Air Packs

- New air packs can be purchased after July 1st
- Money was put in capital budget
- Need the officers to come up with specs
- Will have to go out to bid—create a package, be specific
- Sam Howard & Bill Zion from Scotts gave a presentation on what they offer

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

- ❖ **Next meeting on May 12th at 5pm**
- ❖ **There will be NO meeting on Memorial Day, May 26th**

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Eckert, Recording Secretary