

**Town of Bethel
Selectboard Meeting
Town Hall @ 6 pm
Monday, October 11, 2021**

6 pm – Call the meeting to order and approve agenda

Appointments:

Patrick Redden – Owner of 21 Livery Stable Road’s request for utility fees waived until May 2022.

Public Comment

Request to Cater from Babes Bar on 10/16/21

Motion required

Rotary’s request to waive fee to use Town Hall on 10/24/21

Motion required

Act 64 – Mailing ballots for SCHOOL issues only for Annual Meeting only

Discussion only

Draft March 2022 Town Meeting Warning

Discussion only

Bethel Climate Action 10/4/2021 public meeting – request to endorse statement attached

Motion requested

Minutes and Communications:

1. Town Manager’s Report
2. Selectboard Minutes from 9/27/2021
3. Other Communications –see packet
4. Any Other Business Necessary to Come Before the Board

Town Manger's Report for 10-11-2021 Meeting

- ✦ I have scheduled Patrick Redden for a 6 pm appointment, but I have not yet received a confirmation. His request is clear in his letter. For a background information, I have also enclosed a letter I wrote to the Redden's in 2020.
- ✦ Babe's request to cater an event at the White Church on 10/16 is enclosed.
- ✦ Mel Washburn would like you to waive the fee so the Rotary can use the Town Hall. Normal rent for a non-profit is \$50 to \$150). It would be nice to see an increased use by a local groups –free of charge – as that hall is not used enough.
- ✦ I have included a copy of an email from Pam to the Secretary of State's Office. You may eventually have to decide (and vote) on whether or not you will allow the mailing of ballots for SCHOOL ISSUES to all of the active voters of Bethel. This means they would receive a ballot without requesting it. (This is what we had to do during COVID). Pam wanted you to be aware of this issue. First the School Board has to decide if they think they want to do this. If they do, then it comes back to you (and the Roylton Selectboard) for a vote.
- ✦ Here is the draft of the Town Meeting Warning you wanted, with Australian ballot and cannabis on it.
- ✦ The minutes of the October 4th Climate Action gathering are in your packet. The group would like the selection to endorse a statement as outlined in the Climate Action Petition, (enclosed) plus three additional points. They are requesting you vote on this. To be clear, the Vermont Climate Council is the group in charge of creating a plan for the State of Vermont. 350VT is an independent, non-profit organization based in Burlington, VT. They are an affiliate of 350.org.
- ✦ Dave Bergeron is not coming back to be our seasonal plow driver, so an ad has been placed in The Herald, on our website, Facebook and Front Porch Forum.
- ✦ A meeting with Two Rivers regarding the Bylaw Modernization Grant, revealed there would be zero matching funds required from Towns.
- ✦ I am working with our District 4 Project Manager on creating an RFP for a new engineer for Pinello Bridge. After meeting with FEMA today (10/8) I have additional information from FEMA to add to the RFP. I am hoping to get that issued in a few days.
- ✦ The not quite final DWSRF numbers are in your packet. We are still waiting/ hoping to receive additional funding for the project.
- ✦ I have receive budget numbers back from one department, am expecting Recreation and Fire in the next two weeks. I expect to include some budget numbers for our 10/25 meeting

October 1, 2021

To:

Select board, Town of Bethel

Re: 21 Livery Stable Road Water/Sewer

- 1). No water or sewage has passed through the system for over ten years. There are no functioning water or sewage devices in the building. Both utilities are capped in the basement.
- 2). I'm not sure if at this time the water is physically connected.
- 3). The extensive structural repairs have taken a long time and consumed a lot of financial resources.
- 4). Listing the building for sale in the spring made it clear there would be no interest with buyers in its current condition. The current plan is to bring interior/exterior finishes over the winter to a point where buyer interest would be restored.
- 5). The fees for usage from now until planned listing for sale (May) would prove burdensome to the point of abandoning the project altogether.
- 6). I invited an architect to review the building and suggest possible interior arrangements for potential apartments and he reluctantly indicated that given the capital required to complete the building I would be better off taking it down and leave it open space. Given the amount of time and money already invested I'm reluctant to heed this advice but it may be the wisest course.

I am requesting suspension of fees through May 2022 in order to invest as much as possible into making the building presentable to potential buyers and thus keep the building as part of the historic streetscape.

I'm aware of the Town's own hardships regarding improvement costs, upkeep and limited revenue sources and suggest preserving this building's use would be to everyone in this town's best interest.

Sincerely,

Patrick Redden

Town of Bethel
134 South Main Street
Bethel, VT 05032
802-234-9340

June 19, 2020

Patrick & Elaine Redden
2135 Sanders Road
Bethel, VT 05032

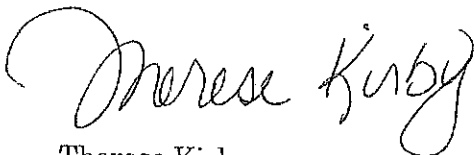
Dear Patrick & Elaine,

I am writing in regards to your property at 21 Livery Stable Road. I found correspondence between you and then Town Manager Keith Arlund, dated June 2016, in which you requested a moratorium on further utility fees until July of 2017. You anticipated having at least one apartment completed by then. In October 2017, then Town Manager Greg Maggard, removed charges incurred from May 2016 through October 2017 after being in contact with you. You are currently not being issued a bill.

I understand your property is connected to the water system, and that you have not used any water since you purchased the property. That being said, the Town of Bethel's Water Ordinance states, "the owner of any property served by the public water supply is responsible for payment of all fees, rates and charges for water service rendered to the property...and once connected to the water system, the owner is obligated to pay at least the fixed costs of such service, regardless of whether the property is occupied". The fixed costs are determined each year and called a "vacancy rate".

Please contact me to schedule an appointment for you with the Selectboard. In their capacity as Water Commissioners, they will discuss with you your schedule of when you think the building will become habitable. In the past, they have given property owners a break on paying their water rent for a short amount of time while the building is rehabbed. Once that time passes, the property is either put on a vacancy rate or regular rate depending on the circumstances. I am happy to discuss this with you further, when you contact me.

Sincerely,



Therese Kirby
Town Manager

Cc: file

PS
spoke w/ Elaine today
8-19-2021. Reminded her
of this letter. Resending
with 2021/2022 rates.
Please call to schedule an
appointment w/ selectboard.

Request to Cater Malt, Vinous and/or Spirituous Liquors

\$20.00 Application Fee (must be included)

License Number: 9590-001 CATR-001

Licensee Name: Babes Bar Inc

Doing Business as: Babes Bar

Street: 221 Main St Town/City Bethel

Contact Name & Phone: Jesse Plotsky 202-905-3826

Email or Fax: jesse@babesvt.com

**BE SURE TO READ INSTRUCTIONS BELOW
BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION**

1) Describe type of event: Celebration of Life for Susie Fedak

2) Location of event: White Church, Bethel VT

3) Date of event: Sat 10/16/21

4) Hours of operation from beginning to end: 1pm-4pm

Approximate number of persons expected: 50

Signed:  Date: 10/4/21

**Each catered event must have approval from the Town/City
before submitting this application to Liquor Control.**

Please check one: Approved Disapproved

Town/City Clerks Signature (Catered location) Town/City Date

SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO DLC AT LEAST 5 DAYS PRIOR TO EVENT

DIRECTIONS:

- 1) Submit to Town/City Clerk for approval (Town/City Clerk will send to DLC).
- 2) Follow all Liquor Control laws and regulations (what applies to a first or first and third class license also applies to the caterer's license).
- 3) Must have a defined area for serving and consumption of alcohol with designated barriers.
- 4) Must have separate toilet and lavatory facilities available for both men and women.
- 5) Provide sufficient number of employees for control purposes.
- 6) No personal checks will be accepted.

Hello Kelly,

Rotary would like to use the town hall for Sunday, October 24 for a small dinner – could the fee be waived?

Best regards,

Mel Washburn

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Melvin Washburn, President

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From: Bethel Town Clerk <betheltownclerk@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:30 AM
To: Isabelle, JP <JP.Isabelle@vermont.gov>; Senning, Will <Will.Senning@vermont.gov>
Cc: [Karmen Bascom](mailto:Karmen.Bascom)
Subject: Unified School Dist Ballot Question/clarification

EXTERNAL SENDER: Do not open attachments or click on links unless you recognize and trust the sender.
Hello JP & Will,

I have a question for you both, whomever can answer it. We had a meeting last night of clerks in my area (Royalton, Sharon, Strafford, Bethel) and we had a discussion about ballots for the school district. I will try to explain the best I can in this email my question.

Bethel and Royalton have a unified school district & board. In the passage of S.15, it states on page 6, "(1)The legislative body of a town, city, or village may vote to mail a ballot to all active registered voters in the town, city, or village. (2) A school board may, after receiving the approval of the legislative body of each member town in the district, vote to mail its annual meeting ballot to all active registered voters in the district....." In

our discussion there was a mixed interpretation. My understanding is that, by statute, town selectboards have nothing to do with school issues. That is why there are schoolboards.

My question is this, if individual town (Bethel & Royalton) selectboards vote to mail ballots to active voters, then the unified school board can vote to do the same? If the town selectboards vote not to mail ballots, then the school cannot vote to mail them? OR is the Unified school board a separate board, as it is comprised of elected members from both towns? As board clerk, I just want to make sure I am following everything according to protocol and the letter of the law.

ANY assistance is greatly appreciated on this subject. As always, thanks so much!

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Hi Pam.

In this case, the selectboard is deciding whether it is ok to send ballots to the all the voters of the school district. To be clear, the issue is not whether the selectboard has chosen to mail ballots for TOWN issues. The selectboard is basically allowing the mailing of ballots for SCHOOL issues. All of the town selectboards within the school district have to agree to send ballots to all active voters of the school district and the school board has to say ok as well. If a school board thinks they want to mail ballots to all active voters, the town selectboards have to agree. If not all towns agree, then the school district can NOT send ballots to all active voters.

Finally, this is only for annual meetings.

I hope that helps to clarify. The idea behind it was to treat all of the voters of the school district the same. This past year, there were a few instances where one town in the school district would send ballots to all voters and another town in the school district would not. The goal is to treat all voters the same.

If you need to chat, let me know.

JP

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JD- VLS 2011
Elections Administrator
Vermont Office of the Secretary of State
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Montpelier, VT 05633
Phone: 802-828-2304
<https://sos.vermont.gov/elections>

Please note my new e-mail address JP.Isabelle@vermont.gov

**WARNING
TOWN OF BETHEL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Bethel are hereby warned, and notified, to meet at the **WHITE RIVER UNIFIED MIDDLE SCHOOL, BETHEL CAMPUS GYMNASIUM**, in said Bethel on **Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business from the floor:**

1. To elect a Town Moderator for the term of one year.
2. To elect a Town Clerk for the term of one year.
3. To elect a Town Treasurer for the term of one year.
4. To elect by ballot, a Selectboard Member for a term of three years to succeed David Eddy, whose term expires.
5. To elect by ballot, a Selectboard Member for a term of two years to succeed Lindley Brainard, whose term expires.
6. To elect by ballot, a Lister for a term of three years to succeed Maurice Brigham, whose term expires.
7. To elect a Trustee of Public Funds under section 24 V.S.A. for a term of three years to succeed Eric Benson, whose term expires.
8. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$_____ of which \$_____ shall be raised by taxes and \$_____ non-tax revenues?

9. Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$_____ to the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691? (See the Town Report for a detailed description of each agency.)

Clara Martin Center	_,000	Health Hub	_,000
One Planet	__00	Orange County Parent/Child Center	_,000
Quintown Senior Center	__00	Safeline	_,000
So. Royalton Senior Center	_,000	Stage Coach	_,000
VT. Association for the Blind	__00	Visiting Nurses Association	_,000
VT. Ctr. for Independent Living	__00	Windsor County Partners	__00
Health Care & Rehab Services	__0	Central VT. Council on Aging	__0
Vermont Adult Learning	__00	American Red Cross	__0

10. Shall the voters appropriate up to the sum of \$_____ to the White River Valley Ambulance, Inc., for continued service to Bethel residents?
11. Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in four (4) equal installments, with the due dates being August 15, 2022, November 15, 2022, February 15, 2023, and May 15, 2023, by delivery to the town office postmarked on or before that date?
12. Shall the voters elect its town officers by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(b)?

13. Shall the voters adopt all budget articles by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(c)?

14. Shall the voters authorize cannabis retailers and retail portions of integrated licensee establishments in town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863?

15. To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting, pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2660 (d).

Dated at Bethel, Vermont, this ____ day of January, 2021.

By the Selectboard members of the Town of Bethel:

Christopher Jarvis

Lindley Brainard

Gene Kraus

David Eddy

Paul Vallee

Bethel Climate Action Report

On Monday, October 4 a 6:00 pm, a small group of people from Bethel gathered to consider and draft a proposed statement for the consideration of the Vermont Climate Council as it receives public comment on the Climate Action Plan it will submit to the state legislature on December 1, 2021. Those gathered included members of several town committees, including the Energy Committee, the Conservation Commission, the Equity and Inclusion Committee, the Recreation Committee and the Selectboard. The group met for just over a hour and a half and decided to ask the the selectboard to submit a statement to the Vermont Climate Council and to take three additional actions related to Global Warming.

- I. We recommend that the Selectboard vote to endorse a statement to the Climate Action Council no later than October 12, 2021. The statement is to include the 9 points included in the People's Climate Action Petition developed by 350VT.ORG and three additional statements developed by the group.

The Selectboard of Bethel Vermont, at a duly called meeting held on October 11, voted to ask the Vermont Climate Council to develop a Climate Action Plan for People that:

1. Considers the ability to pay and availability of financial resources when developing tax and other ways to pay for the transition to net zero emissions by 2050. Mindful of the necessary sacrifices that will be asked of all Vermonters, a progressive income tax schedule rather than property taxes, sales taxes or a flat rate income tax are to be considered. In other words, state funding and support are critical.
2. Funds and supports local town (Including schools) and community governments to develop, plan and implement recommended or mandated actions necessary to reduce the emissions of government owned buildings, equipment and infrastructure - and such additional emission reduction strategies as may be developed by local town and community government bodies.
3. Supports educational initiatives through public school districts throughout the state that advocate solutions and actions addressing climate issues, equip future Vermonters with the intellectual and scientific capabilities to confront future challenges and train workers with the requisite skills to meet the growing and changing needs facing the state as a result of climate change and its myriad interconnected challenges. Support positive action rather than backward looking analyses.
4. Is aligned with the Just Transition principles developed by the Council's Just Transitions Subcommittee.
5. Counts all greenhouse gas emissions accurately to ensure our actions are impactful and proportional to the scale of the crisis (including out of state emissions and methane from Hydro-Quebec)
6. Establishes a 10-year mass weatherization program for Vermont's housing stock, and prioritizes the needs of low-income and BIPOC communities

7. Develops public transportation systems in urban center and along major transportation corridors that meet the needs of rural and low-income populations
8. Provides access and resources to farmers who want to practice regenerative agriculture, prioritizing BIPOC farmers first
9. Takes “Renewable” Natural Gas off the table as a potential solution and incentivizes Just Transition renewable energy solutions like net-metering, community solar, and solar incentives, heat pumps and geothermal technology prioritizing low-income and BIPOC communities
10. Keeps and puts carbon back in the ground by protecting ecosystems, and preventing Vermont State Lands and the Green Mountain National Forest from large-scale logging.
11. Creates a fair and bold funding mechanism for this People’s Climate Action Plan that doesn’t pass on the costs of this transition to future generations
12. Advises the Legislature to pass the following legislative initiatives in 2022:
 1. Senator Ram’s Environmental Justice bill calling for the creation of an Environmental Justice Policy for the state of Vermont and an Environmental Justice Advisory Council (S.148)
 2. Appropriate funding for the Climate Action Plan and any bills that support the implementation of a Just Transition Climate Action Plan
 3. The VT Renews bills addressing food justice, low-income weatherization, and green justice zones, including the Land Access and Opportunity Act (H.273)

II. Proposed Action #1 - Bethel Town Plan for Climate Change Mitigation

The group proposes and requests that the selectboard develop a plan for the Town of Bethel that will enable Bethel to transition to a net zero emission community within the time framework of the Global Warming Solutions Act. The plan should consider but not be limited to

- a. Town owned buildings, properties and equipment (including schools, offices, garage, transfer station, etc.)
- b. Town infrastructure including EV Charging stations, increased solar production, additional hydro production?
- c. Educational meetings, forums, promote individual action, solutions, resources. Information and referral programs.
- d. Public advocacy of “green” energy and accessibility solutions.

Such a “Climate Plan” could be developed by already existing boards and committees (i.e. planning, energy, conservation) or by a special task force established by the selectboard.

It could be adopted by the Selectboard or by the Town Meeting (such as the Recreation plan adopted nearly a decade ago.)

It would hopefully include concrete proposals for action with some measure of accountability built in as the plan unfolds.

III. Proposed Action #2 - Bethel Town Development and Climate Change

The group proposes and requests that ongoing efforts towards development, including commercial, business and residential, include strategies acknowledging the intersection of the changes brought by climate change and the need and desire for controlled development. Topics might include

- a. climate migration and Vermont as a “go to state”
- b. housing for middle to low income residents
- c. entrepreneurial support for small manufacturing
- d. net metering projects
- e. and more...

IV. Proposed Action #3 - Regional Collaboration

The group proposes and requests that Bethel seek out and/or initiate ways to work collaboratively with our neighboring communities. Exchanges and joint meetings could be held between selectboards and/or town committees for exploration ways we might engage in mutually beneficial ways to transition to a net zero emission region of Vermont. Think Royalton, Stockbridge, Rochester, Randolph at a minimum.



People's Climate Action Plan Petition

During this summer of 2021, we are seeing the climate crisis play out in real time and getting frighteningly and increasingly severe. Meanwhile scientists are telling us that the window to take action to avert runaway climate change is closing. We know Vermonters are committed to a just and climate-resilient future. It's time to translate that commitment into bold action. You, as the Vermont Climate Council, have a unique opportunity to develop a Climate Action Plan that will make Vermont the climate justice leader it can be. We are respectfully asking you to be bold in your leadership by developing a Climate Action Plan that includes the following:

1. Is aligned with the Just Transition principles developed by the Council's Just Transitions Subcommittee
2. Counts all greenhouse gas emissions accurately to ensure our actions are impactful and proportional to the scale of the crisis (including out of state emissions and methane from Hydro-Quebec)
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Town of Bethel
Selectboard Meeting
Town Hall @ 6 pm
Monday, September 27, 2021

Present: Chris Jarvis, Paul Vallee, Lindley Brainard, Gene Kraus, Dave Eddy and Therese Kirby

Visitors: Doug Marshall and filmed by Orca

6:00 pm Chris called the meeting to order. Approval of Agenda without amendments was moved by Lindley and seconded by Paul. Passed

Appointments: None

Public Comment

Doug Marshall stated the repairs to Sanders Road and Camp Brook look good. Therese Kirby reported East Bethel is almost done and looking good, dam on Factory Hill will be gone soon; dry hydrant removal and salvage to be done. Work on Gilead and Brink will be next.

Designation of Stitzel Page & Fletcher as attorney for the tax sale

Gene Kraus moved and Lindley Brainard seconded a motion to hire Stitzel Page & Fletcher as attorney for the tax sale. Passed. Notices have been sent out to the property owners. Tax sale may be held in January. Letters have gone out to residents.

Updated Scope of Service

Audit of transfer station completed.

Gene Kraus moved and Lindley second to accept the scope of service for a single audit as presented. Passed.

FY22 Municipal Resolution for Bylaw Modernization

Therese will meet tomorrow with Tory Littlefield (TRORC) and another town to review the grant process. Planning Commission has begun looking at increasing the density, where we could adjust zoning districts and how to create more multi-resident housing.

Motion made by Paul Vallee and seconded by Gene Kraus, to authorize Chris Jarvis to sign the Resolution for Bylaw Modernization. Passed.

Town Managers report

ICS 402 4-hour virtual or in-person session yet to be scheduled. The Selectboard decided to schedule this session in the future and to begin early in the day. ICS 100 session for the basics can be completed on your own online. Therese will speak to Rich Cogliano (VEMS) to see when he can schedule this and send out ICS 100 link to members who have not yet taken the class.

Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2021

Motion made by Chris Jarvis, seconded by Paul Vallee to approve the minutes. Passed.

Updated Cannabis Regulations re: Opt-in

Therese emailed with Garrett Baxter at VLCT about updated cannabis regulations. S25 amended the original act. Cannabis operations will not be allowed in Bethel until the residents vote by Australian ballot to permit the operations. There have been no requests to open operations in Bethel yet, so voting to approve any operations does not need to happen until there is a request. If someone wants to open a store in Bethel, they will have to wait a year or have the Selectboard call a special Town Meeting expressly for this vote, at the town's expense, for approval.

Other Communications

GW Tatro is painting crosswalks and parking tomorrow that were affected by the water project.

Phase II of water project is off to the state for environmental review.

Bethel for All

Information from the different subcommittees of the Steering Committee will continue to be included in the Selectboard packet. The Selectboard would like someone from the Steering Committee to come to a monthly Selectboard meeting. Therese Kirby is a member of the Steering Committee but not the breakout committees. Gene Kraus volunteered to attend the Steering Committee meetings. Therese will forward the email copy of the letter in their packet, so each Selectboard member can sign up for email or other communications directly from the Steering Committee and their subcommittees and participate in polls, etc.

Other communications

Phase I water project

Therese Kirby and Tim Mills created the enclosed list of Phase I project pros and cons. Paul Vallee asked when the final numbers for this project would be available. Therese will put them in the next packet. She explained the payments will not begin for a year, to account for the warranty period. Aldrich & Elliott have been advocating for Bethel to receive additional subsidy. Therese is hopeful that will occur.

Therese Kirby reported Bethel has received the first half of our State and County money from the American Rescue Plan - \$291,602.34. Therese Kirby will add to the agenda for the next Selectboard meeting a discussion and spreadsheet on where she and Tim recommend spending it. Currently they are pricing sludge pumps, a generator, reservoir improvements and maybe some building maintenance as well. She will advise how regulations effect how we spend this money.

Dave Eddy commented on the Conservation Commission meeting minutes. They say he was present at a VOREC meeting, but he was not. It was Paul Vallee. Therese Kirby will email the Commission.

Gene Kraus spoke about a letter from VT Climate Council. He has signed a letter from 350VT, as a resident, regarding the need for public input to Council about what citizens want to be included in the Council's plans. He feels this is an opportunity to provide input. Individuals can sign the letter or Commissions/Committees to determine if Bethel will make a response. Options: 1) ask Commissions if they want to respond directly as individuals, 2) have Commissions respond for the Town, or 3) do nothing. Lindley Brainard suggested holding a meeting and inviting other Committees/Commissions and residents to discuss this issue. The consensus is for Gene Kraus to take the lead as an individual and organize a community response.

Other Communications

Therese Kirby reminded the Selectboard that the Bethel Community Forward Festival is this weekend. A flier listing all of the events is included in the minutes.

Therese Kirby noted a portion of the budget may be available near the end of October. She will draft a sample warning as well.

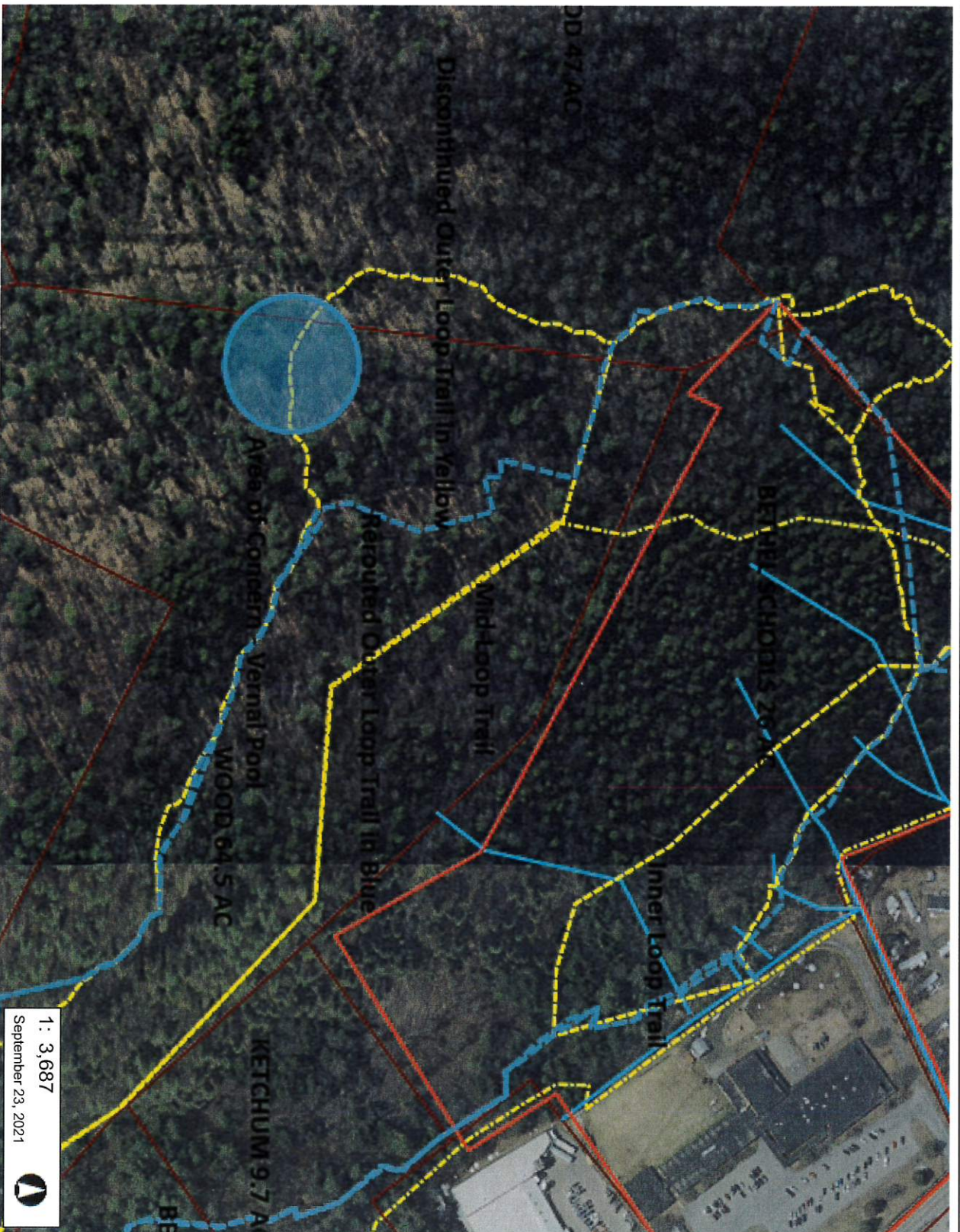
Dave Eddy commented about the recent good road work on the Christian Hill with the grader, etc., but there still are ditches to clean out and berm to be removed.

7:50 pm Motion made by Paul Vallee, seconded by Gene Kraus to adjourn. Passed

Updated DWSRF Numbers.

	Maier	Actual
<i>Project Amount</i>	\$2,800,000.00	\$2,800,000.00
<i>DWSRF Loan</i>	\$1,050,000.00	\$1,289,802.50
<i>State Subsidy</i>	0.00	\$0.00
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$1,750,000.00	\$1,510,197.50
<i>25% Additional Subsidy</i>	437,500.00	\$154,396.00
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$1,312,500.00	\$1,355,801.50
<i>50% Disadvantage Subsidy</i>	1,312,500.00	\$1,355,801.50
<i>Total Due</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00

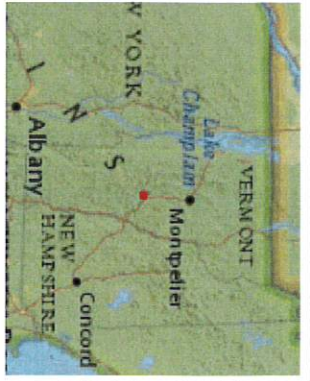
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 September 23, 2021

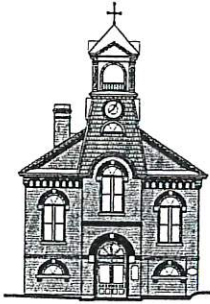


- LEGEND**
- Parcels (standardized)
 - Waterbody
 - Stream/River
 - Stream
 - Intermittent Stream

*Revised
 Outer loop
 Trail -
 rerouted
 to avoid
 a Vernal
 Pool to satisfy
 St. Wetlands
 cc. S. Board
 PC
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NOTES

Map created using ANR's Natural Resources Atlas and Touch GIS by The Land Artist



Town of Bethel, Vermont

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September 29, 2021

Derrick & Beverly Wright
567 Wright Road
Randolph, VT 05060

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I understand this road is an ongoing issue between yourself and the residents of 190 Wright Road. They are being issued the same letter/demand, that they stop all work on the road without a Permit.

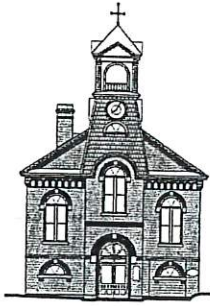
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Sincerely,

Therese Kirby
Town Manager

Cc: Road Foreman
Selectboard
Class 4 Road Committee Chair, Carl Russell
Residents of 190 Wright Road



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FYI

September 29, 2021

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