

**OFFICIAL MINUTES APPROVED BY THE DUMMERSTON DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
BOARD**

Minutes of the DRB Meeting

March 20, 2012

Members Present: Herb Rest, Lew Sorenson, Cindy Wilcox, John Warren; Alternate: Jack Lilly, Clerk, Hugh Worden. Hugh Worden is seated as a voting member for the Davis application.

Also present: Charlotte Annis, Zoning Administrator; Claudia Teachman-Blocker, Jason Davis (JDavis@Brattleboro.org), Elizabeth Davis, Rama Davis Lynch, Ann Davis, Harold Newell (HJNewell@SVCable.net).

7:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Herb Rest. Minutes of the January 24th meeting were approved.

Herb expressed appreciation to Charlotte for her research into past bylaw sections covering fencing related to the Davis application.

Charlotte indicated that the five year conditional use permit review for the SB Land Gravel pit will be an item on the agenda for the April 17th meeting. Known concerns are dust and potholes. Other items that arise before March 28th may also be on the agenda.

7:15 pm. The Public Hearing on the Davis Plan Review Application, No 3291, was convened. Herb provided guidance on the process to be followed. Persons desiring to provide testimony were sworn in.

Elizabeth Davis described the fence size and location and indicated that she had not known that a permit was required when the fence was built about eleven years ago. It was mentioned that the March 6, 2001 bylaws consider a fence greater than four feet a structure and as such require a permit application. She indicated that the fence is five and a half feet tall and has been used to contain her dog. She stated that the fence is not a hazard and does not interfere with the sight line. It does not extend beyond the back of her house and affectively the house forms the fourth side of the enclosure. She has no plans to modify the fence.

Harold Newell stated that he knew the fence required a permit when it was built and has discussed this several times with various Zoning Administrators. He indicated that at an angle, the fence obstructs his view of the highway. However he did not object to the features of the fence and he does not expect it to be taken down. He did not indicate that he would have any concerns if the application is processed and approved.

The public meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The written decision will issue and control.

Respectfully submitted.

Jack Lilly, Clerk