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Fwd: AGENDAcorridorcomm.doc #6

1 message

Ezekiel Goodband <zekegoodband@gmail.com>
 To: Dummerston Treasurer <treasurer@dummerston.org>

Mon, Feb 28, 2011 at 7:35 AM

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dennis & Beverly Tier" <dtsignet@svcable.net>
Date: February 13, 2011 3:30:17 PM EST
To: "Greg Brown" <gig_brown@yahoo.com>, "Steve Glabach" <gfcserv@svcable.net>
Cc: "Ezekiel Goodband" <zekegoodband@gmail.com>, "Mark Whitaker" <mswvt@svcable.net>, "Bill Schmidt" <elysian2@sover.net>, "Lew Sorenson" <lew@svcable.net>, "Jack Manix" <jacmanix@sover.net>
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From: Greg Brown**To:** Steve Glabach**Cc:** Beverly Tier ; Ezekiel Goodband ; Mark Whitaker ; Bill Schmidt ; Lew Sorenson ; Jack Manix**Sent:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 10:07 AM

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ROUTE 5 & 30 CORRIDOR COMMITTEE

February 8, 2011

6:30 PM

SOUTHERN VERMONT LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

NOTE: MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

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Thanks for the feedback Beverly. Information from property and business owners is always valuable, but I did not hear anything from them at our last meeting that we did not hear often during the town plan adoption process. What I had in mind with the specific questions was not locking the conversation into only narrow topics, nor to present slanted questions. If such questions are to be useful the committee as a whole should prepare them and agree on their usefulness. Questions can be very helpful conversation starters, but the committee should never try to limit public input only to answering them. Public input should be open and free flowing, but I know from experience that we can structure a meeting to make the flow more informative.

I brought these ideas up in my email as suggestions for the committee to consider, and hopefully to discuss at our next meeting. Clearly we cannot make any decisions outside the context of a meeting, but I like to put ideas on the table when I can.

I guess I missed the flip chart at the last meeting...my fault.

Thanks again. Hopefully the committee can discuss some of these issues at our next meeting.

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From: Mark Whitaker
To: 'Steve Glabach'
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 6:37 PM
Subject: 5&30 corridor committee

Steve,

1st let me say if you can forward this to the others that would be great. I do not have a problem with our last meeting. I gathered great information, thought it was orderly and pro-ductive. Jack's 1st question, to me, is just the kind of question to avoid simply because the last time someone asked, do you want to keep the rural character of Dummerston, some people have already interpreted this to mean. (You want nothing to change.) Which seems to be very misleading and probably not what the person meant at all. The 6 land owners that were at the meeting and probably own the majority of that section said they want the flexibility to remain and would like the choice of who they sell their land too, to be their choice with no value lost due to rezoning restrictions. Cliff had it right, if it means that much to you, then spend your own money and buy the development rights.

. I don't see anything going wrong with our meetings except those with "special intrests" are beating their drums loudly. I say so far so good.

Mark