Application for Waiver and Sign Permit

TOWN OF DUMMERSTON

Development Review Board

Application for Waiver and Sign Permit Findings and Decision

Applicant:

Dummerston Congregational Church

Mailing Address:

32 Park Laughton Road, E. Dummerston, VT 05346

Location of Property: Parcel #292, 1535 Middle Road, E. Dummerston, VT

Owner of Record:

Dummerston Congregational Church

Application:

Waiver and Sign Permit

Permit Application No. 3411 **Date Sent:** August 18, 2015

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

- 1. This proceeding involves the review of and application for Waiver and Sign Permit submitted by Dummerston Congregational Church under the Town of Dummerston Zoning Bylaw.
- 2. The application was received on August 18, 2015.
- 3. On August 20, 2015, a notice of public hearing was published at the municipal clerk's office. On Aug. 26, 2015 a hearing notice was published in the Commons.
- 4. Notice of a public hearing was mailed to the applicant and the following abutters of the Dummerston Congregational Church at 1535 Middle Road:
 - * West Dummerston Fire Dept. PO Box 40 W. Dummerston VT 05357
 - * Cather Dianich Gruver 1022 East West Road E. Dummerston, VT 05346
 - * Patricia Blomgren 21 Bunker RD E. Dummerston, VT 05346
 - * Evening Star Grange PO Box 9 W. Dummerston, VT 05346
 - ** Hand Delivered notice to the Dummerston Town Offices

- 5. The application was considered by the Development Review Board at a public hearing on September 15, 2015. The Development Review Board reviewed the application under the Town of Dummerston Zoning Bylaw, as amended Feb. 2014
- 6. Present at the hearing were the following members of the Development Review Board:

Alan McBean, Chair Hugh Worden Beverly Kenney Patty Walior Cami Elliot

7. Present at the hearing were the following persons:

Charlotte Annis (Dummerston Zoning Administrator)
Ray Enello
Sam Farwell
Cindy Wilcox

- 8. During the course of the hearing the following exhibits were submitted to the Development Review Board:
 - A. Applicant Certification Notice
 - B. Zoning Permit Application #3411, dated August 18, 2015
 - C. Copy of "Town of Dummerston DRB List of adjoining Property Owners"
 - D. Town of Dummerston "Development Review Board Attendance Sign-In for permit #3411.
 - E. DRB Hearing Checklist
 - F. Application for Waiver and Sign Permit letter submitted by DCC
 - G. Drawings of proposed new sign

FINDINGS

Based on the application, testimony, exhibits and other evidence the Development Review Board makes the following findings:

- 1. The applicant is seeking a Waiver and Sign Permit to replace a temporary portable sign that has been in front of property and update an existing sign. The property is located in the Rural Residential District.
- 2. The applicable Zoning Bylaw section is 669.4, non residential signs.

- 3. The purpose of the new signage is to provide information to the public about upcoming events and promote attendence. Update on existing sign is to improve readability for public.
- 4. No lighting will be used on sign located on the building.
- 5. The Church has had Town Road Foreman look at proposed sign site and has reported that sight line for traffic will not be affected by signage, it won't cause an obstruction.
- 6. The background of sign will be black with 6 inch white lettering.

DECISION AND CONDITIONS

Based upon these findings, and subject to the conditions set forth below, the Development Review Board grants the application for addition of a sign to the Dummerston Congregational Church located at 1535 Middle Road. The proposed sign is deemed an appropriate addition to the Church location and meets the requirements of Section 256.3 of the Zoning Bylaw.

It is the applicants responsibility to obtain a letter from Town Road Foreman stating there is no obstruction to traffic from sign. They will also contact Dig Safe before any digging begins. They will use non reflective lettering.

The following members of the Dummerston Development Review Board participated and concur with this decision. The Decision is subject to appeal as provided by the Vermont Statutes.

Dated: October 14, 2015

Alan McBean, chair, Hugh Worden, Beverly Kenney, Patty Walior, Cami Elliot

DUMMERSTON DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

10.15.2015

Alan McBean, Chair