

Thursday, 29 April 2010

Re, New Road

To the Underhill Selectboard,

First of all, thanks for having the tour last Saturday on 24 April. Good turnout.

My comments re New Road are as follows:

* I'm wondering if that session last Saturday might be moot, as the Vermont Environmental Boards just might say, "Leave that 'running water' and wetlands alone, period!" (We'll see on that one.)

* If, indeed, Environmental Boards say it's OK to putting in culverts, bridges, gravel, etc., who is going to pay for such work? A project of this nature could easily exceed \$100,000 before such work is satisfactorily completed. Even then, how long will the work last over the ensuing years or even months? The Town of Underhill has fiddled with that "watered" portion of New Road a number of times over the years with negligible results.

* Everyone abutting New Road has direct access to their property with the possible exception of Mr. Demarest. However, with his using the trail, he currently can access his property with little trouble from Fuller Road. But to make it "legal" it would seem to me that extending Fuller Road to his first and "only" driveway (the driveway closest to Pleasant Valley Road), it would allow him that "free" access to his property. Such an extension would, of course, shorten the overall length of the Trail as we know it now, but so be it.

* There is absolutely no reason that Mr. Demarest needs access to both Pleasant Valley Road and Irish Settlement Road.

* Relative to people seeking access to the back of their property abutting New Road and/or Trail, I have no real problem with people using some type of motorized vehicle to gather wood or brush. It would be at their own risk, of course. If such access was not allowed, I'm sure it would be a tough one to regulate.

Thanks.



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