

Selectboard members present: Peter Marsh, Mathew Norris, Susan Jefferies (Chair)
Others present: Tom Estey, Kerry Kurt

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 pm.

M. Norris discussed the town's proposed property line for the sale of land at the Starksboro gravel pit to Kerry Kurt. He noted that the sale should allow K. Kurt to create access to her upper fields without using the town gravel pit road, and that the town would prefer she not continue to use the road.

The proposed property line differs from our recent discussions in that it does not follow the road and does not include a flat area of town property currently used by K. Kurt to park a trailer and other farm equipment.

There was discussion about the proposal, including:

KK – The gravel pit road has been used for agricultural access for many years, and the previous access road no longer exists.

TE – The town is very concerned about people using the road and being in the pit area during pit operations.

MN – The straight property lines proposed by the Selectboard will be easier to survey and fence, and will be easier to identify exactly where the property line is in the future.

KK – There is no place on her property to park equipment, so including the area where her trailer is parked is critical for her farm to succeed.

KK – This is a significant change in terms coming very late in the negotiations, and we should use the previously discussed boundary lines.

PM – The Selectboard believes the current offer would be better for the town, which is the Selectboard's primary consideration.

KK – The town garage and salt shed appear to have moved much closer to her house, and she would like the town to ask for a waiver to build in the wetland setback.

PM – We don't have a site plan, so don't know exactly where the buildings will be located. There are setback requirements and we have to stay within the building envelope defined by the Vermont Land Trust.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Jefferies