

West Windsor Selectboard

Draft Minutes

July 12, 2011

Present at the 9AM meeting with District 3 Environmental Coordinator April Hensel were Bruce Boedtke, Jim Lyall (representing Sports Trails of the Ascutney Basin) and Glenn Seward. April presented a similar Act 250 submission from another trail system. There was considerable discussion about other trail systems in the state. April mentioned the Waterbury/Stowe application and that Patrick Kell from the Vermont Mountain Bike Association was a good source of information regarding our application. Bruce asked on what grounds the state has jurisdiction. April cited the "Springbrook Farm" supreme court case. Glenn asked how the town's trail concept differs from the trail systems of other organizations, such as Green Mountain Horse Association (GMHA), Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST), etc. April stated that the commission does not seek out violations but has the responsibility to react when they are made aware of possible issues. In this case a Mr. John Cocke made an inquiry to April. April insisted she "would leave us alone" if we started the permit process and she was trying to get us legal. Jim asked about current use and maintenance activities. April said that was fine. Bruce inquired as to the extent of the review. April said a short form would be in order and that STAB should be co-applicant. Glenn stated that the system falls under the auspices of the town with the town being the sole license holder. April said that, because STAB receives funds directly or indirectly, they should be listed. Jim asked about including proposed trails to which April responded yes, it should encompass all expected future development. Jim also asked about trails outside the town forest and resort area. April said that those should be included as well. Bruce stated his concern about landowners revoking their permission if the state was involved. April said the only jurisdiction would be for the trail itself, not the entire property. Discussion continued about similar trail systems and their efforts in receiving landowner approvals. April stated that other landowners did not need to be listed as applicants. She also said she would be happy to assist in any way possible to expedite the process. Meeting concluded @ 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn B. Seward