

**Meeting of the Rutland Town Highway Committee  
Tuesday, March 15 at 11AM at the Town offices.**

Present: Highway committee members Mary Ashcroft and Joe Denardo, Highway Commissioner Byron Hathaway, Attorney Stephanie Lorentz representing Tammy Delbianco a homeowner on Grover Drive, Attorney Karl Anderson representing Margaret and Red Grover, Brownson Spencer, Engineer for the Grovers, and Red Grover.

The group discussed the town's proposed easement language which had been agreed to by other landowners on Grover Drive. Attorney Lorentz disagreed with the proposed blanket drainage over all the property noting that the septic system could be affected. She also felt that this would relieve the town of all responsibility over the road and was too broad.

Town's attorney Kevin Brown had asked for the location of the as-built septic system relative to the road, as well as the replacement system location. Attorney Lorentz shared a map. The replacement septic area inter-fingered with the existing as-built leach lines. It was built slightly closer to Grover Drive than the original design indicated, but is arguably within the contiguous areas as noted by Mr. Spencer.

The group also looked at the existing drainage area on the property, which runs between the house and the septic area. Byron noted that there is a ditch along the side of the road opposite Delbianco's land. There is a culvert that runs some water under the road and into the drainage swale on DelBianco's property. Stephanie noted that her client is OK with this drainage as it uses an existing swale. Most of the water travels down the ditch on the opposite of the road. Attorney Lorentz expressed her client's concern that there is seepage under the road and into her client's property near the septic area because Tammy has seen damp and ice on the road in this area when other parts of the road are dry.

Attorney Lorentz agreed to an easement for drainage through her client's property in the drainage way as it presently exists. Her client object to sheet flow. Byron Hathaway said that he has gone on site during rains recently, and has not seen any sheet flow. There is some water from Fineberg which flows on Tammy's property into the drainage way. Bronson said that there may be some seepage under the road onto Delbianco's property—this would be underground water and not surface water.

The group agreed that there should be a defined easement area for drainage on Delbianco's property using the existing drainage area. The group agreed as follows: Brownson will talk with Blair Enman, Tammy's engineer. They will agree on a drainage area that will gather water along the west side of the road and run it north into the natural drainage area on Tammy Delbianco's property. Stephanie believes the issue of contaminants and sand will be off the table. Tammy did not want her ditch filling up with silt, and this should solve that issue. The easement language will be drafted by Karl Anderson and shared with Stephanie; once they agree, it will be share with Kevin Brown for the Town.

The group agreed to have something to bring to the Select Board at its first meeting in April.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50AM.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ashcroft, Select Board Member