

**Town of Ferrisburgh
Vermont Green Line Committee
ADOPTED Minutes
May 11, 2016**

The Vermont Green Line Committee (VGL Committee) met at the town garage on Little Chicago Road, Ferrisburgh, VT on May 11, 2016 at 4:02 pm.

Committee Members present: John Bull, Craig Heindel, Jim Warden.

Committee Members absent: Vaughn Collins, Keith Wagner.

Other Attendees: Dave Marshall, P.E. (CEA; engineering consultant to town); Carl Cole (Hawkins Rd. resident); David Pierson (888 Botsford Rd. resident); Bill Houston (1004 Botsford Rd. resident).

4:02 pm: Craig called the meeting to order.

1. Jim Warden moved to adopt the minutes of the April 28, 2016 meeting as presented. John Bull seconded.
Vote: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain.
2. Dave Marshall noted that he will be scheduling a conference call for him and the committee with the highway foreman in Skowhegan, Maine, where a similar buried cable embedded in flowable fill was installed in 2014, so it has been through two winters.
3. Route drive. Items discussed during the route drive:
 - a. VGL engineers recently told John and Dave that the trench dimensions will generally be 2.5 ft. wide by 5.0 ft. deep.
 - b. Dave Pierson requested that the committee engage an expert to provide a public health evaluation of the potential impacts of the electro-magnetic field created by the cables.
 - c. Carl Cole believes that the presence of these cables is likely to reduce the potential buyer pool when properties abutting the cable route are put up for sale.
 - d. Markers along the side of the roads, and painted circles in the roads, indicate proposed borings by VGL engineers. John Bull noted that he received a printed copy of the route map showing these boring locations, but has not received a Section 1111 Road Access application yet.
 - e. Guests wondered how much additional expense will be required if abutting landowners want to install buried utility crossings, such as telephone, power, water, sewer. They suggested that the town committee should negotiate a procedure and/or compensation for these private landowners. Committee members wondered if it would be appropriate for the town to do this; said they will discuss further.
 - f. John Bull estimates that the project will create about 16,000 cu.yds. of excess fill that will need to go somewhere. He said he might have some use for a portion of it, for town projects including road-margin improvements along the cable route. The committee will discuss this further. Guests and committee members also wondered if the permit process at the Public Service Board will require permitting and environmental vetting of any destinations for the excess fill. Dave Marshall said he would look into this.

- g. Carl Cole noted that the proposed cross-lot route that cuts a corner on Little Chicago Road goes through farmland that has been conserved by the Vermont Land Trust, so he expects that VGL will need to obtain their permission for that section of the route.

The route drive ended at about 5:30 pm, and the guests left.

4. Committee members requested that Dave Marshall attend the next committee meeting in executive session on May 18.
5. Committee members noted several sections of the proposed route where roadside trees are close to the road and within the right-of-way. These trees would have to be removed if the cable alignment was off the edge of pavement. Committee members generally that preserving roadside trees should be a priority if possible.
6. John and Dave will mark up notes and questions on the construction detail drawings that VGL submitted with their Section 1111 application to VTRANS for the Rte. 7 portion of the project.
7. Committee agreed that Craig would review invoices from the town experts for accuracy, and indicate if OK to pay, then pass on to Town Clerk for processing through the escrow account agent. If Craig has questions about an invoice, he will bring them to the committee.

6:10 pm: Craig made motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Warden seconded.

Vote: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain.

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