

# *Town of Berkshire Vermont*

## DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Thursday, May 11, 2023

### UNAPPROVED MINUTES

**DRB Members Present:** Dustin Broe, Claude Charron, Jason Doe, Russ Ford, Jason Jutras, Kris Lantz, Margo Sherwood, Carl Ruprecht

**DRB Members Absent:**

**Zoning Administrator / DRB Clerk:** Ann Lavery

**Interested Parties:** Michael Gervais, Annabelle Ship, Jwin Jacobs, Irmgard Lukauik, Donald Hammond, Lita Martel, Bernard Martel

Meeting called to order at 7:10.

### NEW BUSINESS

➤ **Sketch Plan Hearing – BERNARD and LITA MARTEL**

Bernard presented his plan for a Wedding/Event Site Venue at **485 Mine Road**. His plan is to convert the upper level of his existing barn to operate as a Wedding/Event Venue. No new structures, water, or sewer will be added. Self-contained portable restrooms, with sinks/water for handwashing will be purchased or rented for each event. A family wedding has already been held at this site.

Bernard stated he had worked with Alison Lowry and Jeff McMahon at DEC in regards to Act 250 permits. It is his belief that all parts of this permit request are in compliance with Vermont regulations.

He also has contacted Barnard & Gervais for assistance with environmental compliance issues.

The DRB requested and Official Decision regarding Act 250

This plan appears to be in compliance with Berkshire Regulations and fits in with the Berkshire Municipal Plan. The DRB will do a site visit prior to the next regular meeting.

**\*\*MORE INFO IS AVAILABLE AT ZONING OFFICE, BERKSHIRE TOWN HALL.**

**Annabelle Ship** was present and spoke at length against Martel's plans. She voiced concerns over noise, and disruption of her daily life. She also had concerns that this proposal was located on a dirt road.

➤ **Compliance Letters – Will be discussed at the June Meeting**

### OLD BUSINESS

➤ **Minutes of March 9, 2023:** will be approved at June Meeting

## RECOGNITIONS OF VISITORS

➤ **Michael Gervais -- Bradley St. Pierre Subdivision**

Mike presented plans for a Three-Lot Subdivision at 4008 Watertower Road. Plans appeared to meet all Berkshire Regulations and a Final Hearing will be warned for June.

➤ **Dennis Sheridan – Event Site Venue**

Dennis presented plans to convert the Methodist Church in West Berkshire, at 57 Cross Road into An Event Venue. His plans needed much more information. He will work with Michael Gervais to present a more complete Site Plan at the June meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

- **10:20 PM Approved by Acclamation**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Aron", written in a cursive style.