

*Town of Berkshire Vermont*  
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Thursday, September 14, 2023

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

DRB Members Absent: Kris Laniz

Zoning Administrator / DRB Clerk: Ann Lavery

Interested Parties: Michael Gervais, John Barabe, David Record, Tina Record, Brad Lumbr, Bernard Martel, Lita Martel

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS**

• **Bernard & Lita Martel – Update**

Town of Berkshire has received **Appeal to Environmental Court and Statement of Questions**.  
Berkshire is being represented by Joseph McLean, Esq.

• **Compliance Letters**

Ann is working on seven (7) site visits for new constructions in 2023.

• **John Barabe / David Record Frontage Issues**

Michael Gervais, representing John Barabe, presented a request for the DRB to grant a waiver for the required 200 feet of frontage per building lot. Vermont Land Trust made a mistake when John enrolled his farm. It was his decision that his entire farm be included in the Trust with the exception of a five (5) acre building lot. The Trust granted the five acre lot, but did not assure that there was 200 feet of frontage.

The Lot has 140 feet of frontage. The extra 60 feet is a very small piece of land that is basically a ditch about four feet wide. Granting this Variance will have no negative affect on the neighbors or character of the neighborhood.

Moved by Russ, Seconded by Jason J. --

Recognizing that this is a very unique situation, and a minute area of property (140 sq. ft.), that a Variance be granted that will include a thorough description by Michael of the situation.

--Unanimous Approval

➤ **OLD BUSINESS**

• **Minutes of July 13, 2023 and August 10, 2023**

Moved by Jason J. seconded by Dusty to approve these Minutes.

--Unanimous Approval

➤ **UPDATES**

• **.PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday, September 20 at 6:00PM**

They would appreciate the DRB Members attending this meeting.

➤ **ADJOURNED 8:45 PM**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Ann E. Lavery*

