

Minutes
Williamsburg Board of Selectmen
October 31, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

The members of the Board of Selectmen met in a special meeting on the Eversource property to discuss the survey boundaries with Sue Fortgang and David Nehring.

Selectboard Present: David Mathers and William Sayre

Selectboard Absent: Denise Banister

Others present: Gaby Immerman – Mill River Greenway, Sue Fortgang, David Nehring, Phil and Diane Merritt and Charlene Nardi – Town Administrator.

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. at Valley View Farm.

The Board and all others present travelled down to the Eversource land to discuss the boundary on the portion of land the town is going to purchase for a town park. Sue Fortgang and David Nehring stated their desire to own the road used for their farming and sugaring business, which currently is within the town proposed portion.

After walking the area and discussing the needs of the town and Valley View Farm, the Board proposed a new boundary line to provide more access to the sugar tank and putting the entire road within the boundary of the piece of property to be bought by Valley View Farm. The proposed new boundary line is 12 feet off the south east shoulder of the road to a pine tree flagged that morning to the maple tree with an existing flag. In exchange for the change of the boundary, the Fortgang / Nehrings would give a temporary construction easement and permanent easement for town uses such as incidental maintenance with notice and emergency access. Sue Fortgang and Dave Nehring will consider the proposal and contact the town when they are ready to discuss.

Phil and Diane Merritt stated their desire to be able to continue to cross between their two parcels of land and would like to purchase a small piece of the Eversource land to connect the two parcels. Currently the piece is under contract to be bought by the Fortgang / Nehrings. Dave Nehring suggested that they provide a permanent easement to the Merritts instead of changing their purchase and sale agreement with Eversource. The Fortgang / Nehrings will continue to discuss and work that out with the Merritts.

Following the tour of the Valley View Farm, the Board returned to Town Offices to discuss their proposal and next steps. Charlene will follow up with an email to Sue Fortgang and David Nehring to confirm what is being proposed.

Bill Sayre gave an update on the Planning Board Forum about Air-BnBs. He asked if there was a role for the Board of Selectmen to play in the licensing of the businesses to help address issues if they arose. It was noted that business certificates are obtained through the Town Clerk's office and are valid for ten years [later corrected to four years]. It was decided that it was best to let the Planning Board work through the process and define the business through the Zoning Bylaws.

The Board adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Approved:

Clerk