

# Town of Calais, Vermont

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## Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 25, 2020, 3:30 pm

533 Nelson Pond Road Site Visit for Curb Cut Permit Application

**Present:** Denise Wheeler (Chair), John Brabant (Vice Chair), Rose Pelchuck (Member), Clif Emmons (Member), Jeff Olesky, P.E., from Catamount Consulting Engineers, Dan George, Randy Fitch, Jonathan Fitch, Bill Davis, Bob Martin, Zoning Administrator, Stephanie Kaplan, John McCullough, Asst. Zoning Administrator, and Larry Bush.

**Absent:** Alfred Larrabee, Road Commissioner

1. Call to Order: Denise Wheeler called the Joint Meeting of the Selectboard and Conservation Commission to order at 3:32 pm.
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Review, Additions/Changes to Agenda: None.
4. Site visit and consideration of Curb Cut Permit request by Daniel and Christina George at 533 Nelson Pond Rd. (#2020-02) – Discussion began with an overview provided by Jeff Olesky, Engineer representing the applicants, Daniel and Christina George to install an access to build a driveway and garage on property next to their existing property on Nelson Pond Road (Shoreland District). The garage would be for boat storage and will not have water or septic. The designed engineering plans were reviewed and discussed. The attendees walked the frontage of the property on Nelson Pond Road; John Brabant hiked up into the property for a better view. Questions were answered. Site distance was discussed and the need to cut back trees and brush in the Town's right-of-way on the property to improve site distance. Jeff Olesky admitted it is a challenging lot to build on. The Town adopted the use of B-71 Standards for Residential and Commercial Drives, which in part requires the installation of a culvert at the access. The engineer recommends slope design for drainage since there is not a ditch for a culvert to drain into.

The group reassembled near Dan George's residence. Selectboard members comments were offered. Rose Pelchuck noted the Zoning Permit was issued for an Accessory Structure that is not on the same lot as the current residence, which is contrary to the Zoning Regulations. The applicants may have to obtain a permit to work in the Town's Right-of-Way for cutting trees, brush and changing the slope of the land to improve site distance, all within the town's right-of-way. The speed limit on this road is 30 mph and cannot be lowered without a traffic study.

John Brabant made a motion and Clif Emmons seconded to approve the Curb Cut Permit Application with the following conditions as attached.

The motion was seconded, voted on and carried 4-0. Denise Wheeler will type up the permit with conditions. After the document is signed by the Selectboard, a Permit to Construct will be issued; following completion of the project the Road Commissioner will inspect the project for completion and a final Curb Cut Permit will be issued.

5. Other Business/Old Business/New Business: None.
6. Adjournment: Clif Emmons made a motion to adjourn at 4:22 pm. The motion was seconded, voted on and carried 4-0.

Date: 6/27/2020  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Rose Pelchuck  
Selectboard Member

*Approved by the Selectboard at the July 27, 2020 meeting.*

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