Development Review Board November 14, 2018

Present: Janice Walrafen, chair, Elaine Parker, Jim Volz, Sarah Albert Also attending: Karen Storey, Zoning Administrator and Peter Yassus

Meeting called to order at 6:45.

The minutes from 10/10/18 were approved.

6:50 Peter Yassus came to discuss his generator that was installed on town property last April, in the old railroad ROW which is now the Cross Vermont Trail.

We looked at parcel maps and discussed the history of the property and the land transfers over the years. Current maintenance of the railroad ROW was also noted.

Peter would prefer not to move the generator; there was discussion as to whether he should talk with the selectboard. Karen stated that Cross VT Trails has an easement on the railroad bed that precludes any development on the property.

Sarah stated that there's a precedent for the Town defending an incursion on their property. In ±2000 the town went to court against a town resident who had built a fence on town property and was using part of that property as their own. Given that, she said, it would be unlikely that the selectboard would give permission to Peter to keep his generator on town property. Additionally it would be setting a dangerous precedent for anyone wanting to make use of town property for their own purpose in the future. Peter will apply for a variance to move the generator onto his property within the setback because he doesn't want to move it out of the 50' setback.

Karen will follow up with Peter to set up a hearing with the DRB.

7:30 Meeting adjourned