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From: [Wright Preston](#)
Sent: Thursday, December 31, 2020 11:43:37 AM
To: Taylor Newton; Ravi Venkataraman
Cc: Josh Arneson; Ellen Kraft
Subject: RE: Town of Richmond ACF DRB application for gate approval
Sensitivity: Normal

Taylor: Yes that works. To clarify, the existing barbed wire fence in this location is very old and much of it now laying on the ground. The gate was placed at the fence line location.

Thanks,



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Great. Let's plan on continuing the hearing until April 2021. Does that work?

In re: setback requirement: it's unclear to me whether or not the gate needs to meet the setback requirement. The definition of "structure" exempts fences from the setback requirement. So the DRB will potentially need to determine if a gate qualifies as a fence.

The narrative submitted with the application did not mention that the gate is attached to an existing barbed wire fence. Thank for providing that insight in your last email. From my perspective that certainly strengthens the case that the gate is part of a "fence" and therefore exempt from the setback requirement.

I'm still writing the staff report, so I'm unsure if there are other applicable zoning requirements this time. I've only been working for Richmond on a contract for about a month. I cannot tell you off hand if additional regulations apply. I'll have a better answer to that question once I've completed my staff report early next week.

-Taylor

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Taylor: The Committee does not as yet know the exact design or location. We will be working with the neighbor(s) on this over the course of the winter. So continuing the hearing makes sense to me.

Please share with those in this email what, in addition to the possible impact on human circulation, are the zoning criteria that will be discussed at the 1/13/21 DRB meeting. Is there a setback requirement for a simple gate on an old barbed wire fence boundary line?

Thank you, Wright



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Hello Wright –

I've begun to review the Site Plan Amendment application. I have a few question:

- Does the Committee now know the exact location of the gate? If yes, can you provide me with an updated site plan? Also, can you provide front and side setback information for the gate?
- Has the Committee picked a new gate design? If yes, can you provide me with a photo or spec sheet?

If the Committee doesn't know the exact location of the gate, I advise the Committee and the DRB to continue January hearing to March or April (whenever you think you'll know the exact location of the gate). Continuing the hearing to a later date is more efficient than approving the application now and doing another hearing this spring.

Thanks,
Taylor

From: [Wright Preston](#) <Wright.Preston@NSBVT.COM>
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Ravi: I'll pick up the notice and staple it to the kiosk at the parking area. Will that work for you? Thank you, Wright



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From: Ravi Venkataraman <rvenkataraman@richmondvt.gov>
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Hi Wright,

I've prepared your posting notice for the DRB hearing. Per Section 8.2.3, you will have to post this notice at a location at the Andrews Community Forest that is visible from East Main Street, and it needs to be up at least 15 days prior to the DRB hearing on January 13th. I don't have a mailing address for you. I can leave the notice in the "Meeting Materials" box at the Town Offices for you to pick up, or I can mail it to you. Let me know which you prefer, and, if you choose the latter, let me know a mailing address that works best for you.

Feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Ravi

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On Thu, Dec 17, 2020 at 4:58 PM Wright Preston <Wright.Preston@nsbvt.com> wrote:

Will do!



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Thanks, Wright. If you could drop off the abutter envelopes today or tomorrow, that would be great. Taylor and I will follow up if we have any questions.

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On Thu, Dec 17, 2020 at 1:40 PM Wright Preston <Wright.Preston@nsbvt.com> wrote:

Josh, Ravi: Please see attached:

- Zoning application
- Application narrative, with waiver allowing owner hand drawn plan
- Photo of installed gate
- Site plan
- List of abutters.

Let me know if you have edits or need other materials.

I can provide the 12 abutter stamped envelopes and drop them off tonight or tomorrow if you like.

Thank you in advance.

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