

PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, August 8 at 6:00 PM
Tunbridge Town Office

Attendees:

Board of Adjustment - Dan Ruddell, Laura Ginsburg, Brenda Field, Amy Frost
Member of Public - Shawn Young, Peg Sherlock, Simon Bradford, Doug Giles

The Tunbridge Board of Adjustment held a public hearing regarding a floodplain permit application submitted by Tunbridge Volunteer Fire Department to repair steps accessing the First Branch at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds.

The Board of Adjustment met to review the floodplain permit application submitted by the Tunbridge Fire Department which would allow for the installation of concrete steps at the riverbed. The hearing was solely for the purpose of granting the permit but does not obligate any funds.

Prior to the meeting, the application was reviewed by the Union Agricultural Society president as well as VT Dept of Environmental Conservation staff Pat Ross, engineer, and Ned Swanberg, floodplain manager for Central Vermont. Ross and Swanberg both reviewed the request and the site and indicated that the proposed placement of steps on the fairground will meet the intent of the Flood Hazard Ordinance if steps (which will be located in Floodway) will not change course of water. Steps will be set into bank and flush with top of bank, and volume of material introduced will replace equal amount of soil which will be removed so that no material remains above grade or constricts the channel cross-section. Attendees at meeting voiced their assumptions that Fair Association would not be responsible for maintenance.

It was noted that the hearing notice mentioned a repair to steps but that was incorrect as there were no steps in place to repair. Wording for permit to be changed.

Motion: to amend the permit application to state that it is an "installation" of the steps, not a "repair. LG made motion, BF seconded. *Motion passed.*

Motion: to approve the floodplain permit application as amended. BF made motion. LG seconded. *Motion passed.*

Motion to adjourn (AF), seconded (LG) *Motion passed.* Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm