

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**

**TOWN OF CHARLEMONT**

December 16, 2004

**Members Present:**

Bill Stephens  
Ursula Nebiker  
Dan Miller  
Gisela Walker

**Members Absent:**

Charlotte Dewey  
Trevor Mackie

Bill convened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The Board recognized Bill Coli and addressed questions he had regarding the Bissell Bridge. Bill Coli asked if the bridge to be one or two lane traffic, and mentioned that the guard rail will narrow the bridge by four feet, which is less than adequate, in his opinion. Bill also mentioned that the Select Board could ask for a design waiver and further mentioned that the State will put in a stop light or stop sign on both ends of the bridge. Bill fully supported the bridge being one lane traffic, for safety reasons, and indicated that he **hoped the Planning Board will comment to the Select Board regarding this issue.**

Bill Stephens stated that if adopted a one lane, the Bridge guard rail could be tight on one side and the other could have a 3-4 foot walkway.

Next, the Board proceeded with Brian Dupree's hearing for a change of use to his service station. Bill Stephens begins by reading the notice as it appeared in the West County News. Brian submitted a plan and explained his intentions.

Bill notified Brian that the Board was only a four member board, and therefore, would need a unanimous decision of all the members. Bill told Brian he could opt to either proceed with the hearing in this manner, or another member could be called.

Brian opted to go forward with the hearing.