

Tuesday January 31, 2017 5:00-6:30PM

Planning Board Subcommittee Members Present: John Billings and Curt Murley

Public Participants: Lorinda Vals

At this first meeting we discussed how we would proceed to meet our objective, namely to write a report that would identify and note the current status of every paper street on Long Island that has been created since the island's first subdivision, Fern Park, was created in 1888.

The definition of a paper street, based on state law MSRA Title 23 §3031, we will be using is as follows: A paper street comes into existence when it is shown on a subdivision land plan recorded at the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds but does not exist (has not been constructed) or is not in use as a public or private right of way on the date the plan was recorded.

It was also noted that the disposition of paper streets can only be done by the Board of Selectmen. The purpose of our report is to assist the Selectmen in deciding what to do about the pending automatic vacation of all paper streets on the island that came into existence prior to September 1987. In 1997 the Selectmen asked for a 20 year delay to prevent the automatic vacation of paper streets. This extension expires on September 29, 2017. We plan to issue our report by the end of April so the Selectmen will have time this coming summer to hold public meetings to get public input on this issue.

The majority of meeting time was used to review sources of information for data related to long Island's paper streets.

Curt Murley
Project Subcommittee Chair