

## **WAITSFIELD DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD 2010 Annual Report**

The Waitsfield Development Review Board (DRB) is comprised of seven members appointed by the Selectboard. Two alternate members have also been appointed to serve in the absence of a quorum of regular members.

The Board's function is to administer the Town's zoning bylaws and subdivision regulations in conjunction with the Zoning Administrator. Specifically, the Board reviews applications for conditional use approval and the subdivision of land, and considers appeals of Zoning Administrator decisions and requests for variances.

As was the case the previous year, 2010 was relatively quiet with regard to permit activity. No subdivision applications were approved by the Board, although one application was withdrawn and one preliminary application was reviewed with an application expected in the coming year. The DRB issued 12 conditional use approvals, mostly involving changes of use. No new commercial space was proposed in the Town's villages this year.

In addition to the projects approved by the DRB, the Zoning Administrator issued 79 zoning permits in 2010, including three permits for new single-family homes (compared with 56 and seven, respectively, the prior year). All of the new homes were located in the Agricultural-Residential District. A permit is required for most development activity in the town and landowners are encouraged to consult with the Zoning Administrator before starting construction or site development.

For the first year in quite some time there were no changes in Board membership in 2010. That consistency is enhanced by the ongoing assistance that the Town receives from Zoning Administrator Vickie Trihy. Vickie has served the town with impartiality, competence and grace since 2008.

In the coming year, the DRB is hoping to assist the Planning Commission to make technical corrections to the zoning bylaw. These "housekeeping" revisions will be intended to make the regulations easier to understand and administer.

The DRB meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office. Notices of public hearings are published in the Valley Reporter and on-line at [www.waitsfieldvt.us](http://www.waitsfieldvt.us). Our meetings are frequently televised on Mad River Television's Channel 45.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Waitsfield-Faytson Volunteer Fire Department parade, 07/31/10

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