

## Joe Colangelo

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Joe,

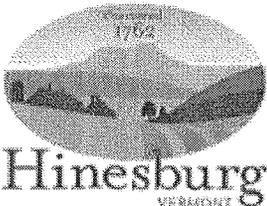
At the February 4 meeting, the DRB discussed the Selectboard's recommendation (see attached) that they condition approval of more complicated development projects on there being additional oversight ("clerk of the works") during construction – to be hired by the Town and paid for by the developer. The DRB had already been discussing requiring additional engineering review and oversight both during the DRB review process and during construction. They are very amenable to the idea, and they plan to follow through on it for appropriate projects.

Mike Weisel told me that he plans to retire for real this spring/summer. Given that, I recommend that the Town seek out another consulting civil engineer or firm that all of our departments can utilize when necessary – e.g., Highway Department, Buildings & Facilities Department, Town Administrator, Planning & Zoning Department, etc. Rather than try to find an engineer each and every time we have need for one, I think it would be better to have an established working relationship similar to what we've had with Mike Weisel. This would make it much easier and more efficient when the Town needs engineering expertise.

Would you be willing to organize this, and establish some sort of agreement or contract with a reputable individual or firm?

I imagine some of our neighboring municipalities have similar arrangements, and perhaps they could give us a recommendation. Otherwise, I imagine Mike, Rocky, and I could give you some recommendations on firms to contact based on our experiences.

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