

PLANNING BOARD MEETING
JULY 17, 2013

PRESENT: Ed Dekker, Chairman, Liz Freeman, Tim Jones, Paul Termin, Joanne Meshna

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office. Tim was appointed to fill Ollie's vacancy and Joanne was appointed to fill Ned's vacancy.

7:00 p.m. Bruce White - gravel pit on Turnpike Road:

Mr. White owns lot 1/15 on Turnpike Road where he operates a gravel pit. He was asked to attend the meeting to give an update on the pit and reclamation.

Mr. White stated that there is a four acre area scheduled to be reclaimed behind the Christmas trees located to the left of the entrance way which will be sloped off, loamed and seeded this year. The area will also be used for stockpiling. Presently there is approximately 25 acres open and about 50% of those acres are depleted. Some of the areas are not totally depleted and are in certain stages depending on the use for the sand. The operational area is approximately 10-15 acres.

Hours of operation were discussed. Mr. White stated that only one neighbor has complained about the operation and that was because work had begun before 6:00 a.m. The Board noted that the Excavation Regulations state the hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Alteration of Terrain (AOT) plan lists the hours of operation from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Mr. White assumed the Board had approved those hours. Ed responded that had been missed by the Board and any changes to the regulations have to be approved by the Planning Board.

Liz made a motion to approve the hours of operation from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If there are any complaints from abutters, the Board will revisit the hours and if Mr. White wants to change the hours, he needs to come back to the Board. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7:35 p.m.:

The Board received a decision letter from the Zoning Board on the Appeal of an Administrative Decision application submitted by USA Properties, Inc. regarding a decision made by the Planning Board - the application was denied. Also received was a decision letter on a variance application for dimensional controls for Gerald and Olive Katz/Ryan Varela for dimensional controls that was approved.

The Board reviewed reclamation plans submitted by Oremos Corporation for lot 7/11 on Turnpike Road. The Board had asked for a new time line for the reclamation as the one previously submitted was not being followed. Referring to the new plans, the Board asked for clarification of note 8 under

construction sequence; also, note B. under winter stabilization states "...vegetative growth by October 15th..." with no year. Joanne will contact Ed Rogers for an explanation.

7:50 p.m.:

Mr. Steve Lowe was present to discuss hours of operation for the Koivula gravel pit on Appleton Road. He was not aware of any restrictions and was given a copy of the Excavation Regulations. Currently the hours of operation are 5:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Regulations state the hours of operation shall be 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ed made a motion to approve the hours of operation from 5:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If there are any complaints from abutters, the Board will revisit the hours. Tim seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board noted that the detention pond shown on the Alteration of Terrain plan was not built as shown on the AOT plan. The actual size of the pond needs to be drawn and an amendment send to the State on the AOT plan. Mr. Lowe stated he would take care of that.

8:25 p.m.:

Liz made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2013 meeting. Tim seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board approved John Vesser for a one year term on the Finance Advisory Committee. He will be filling the second year of Jeanne Cunningham's two year term as she has resigned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Land Use Manager