

Westmoreland Planning Board  
February 10th, 2015  
Approved minutes

❖ **Call to Order, Seating Members**

Present: Lauren Bressett, Jim Starkey, Bruce Smith, Steve Houle, Mark Hayward, Dawn Lincoln, Dave Hansel

Absent: June Hammond. Mark Hayward seated for June Hammond.

At 6:16 pm Jim Starkey made a motion to enter Nonpublic Session, Bruce Smith second, motion passed, Dawn Lincoln abstained.

A motion was made by Bruce Smith to seal the minutes of the Nonpublic Session, second by Dave Hansel, motion passed. Dawn Lincoln voted no.

A motion was made by Bruce Smith to leave Nonpublic Session, second by Dawn Lincoln, motion passed, public session convened at 6:29 pm

Lauren Bressett called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

❖ **Review of Minutes:**

January 13<sup>th</sup> 2015

Dawn Lincoln made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Jim Starkey second, motion passed.

January 20<sup>th</sup> 2015

Dawn Lincoln made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Mark Hayward second, motion passed.

❖ **Hearings/Applications**

**Continued Graves Trucking, Inc site plan review/ RSA 155E hearing.**

Lauren Bressett opened the hearing at 6:35 p.m. and the board reviewed letter received from SWRPC in regards to regional impact. (See records) Board members had some items of concern and/or needed clarification

1. #2 Will the applicant refuel on site  
Dick Fraser responded that no fuel will be stored on site; fueling equipment will take place onsite and will follow BMP
2. #8 Clarification of the berms  
Dick Fraser responded, the berm on the northern edge is for storm water and the other berm is for safety. The safety berm will be an active berm and will move and grow as the pit grows and will be 6-8' high.
3. #10 Clarification of stump disposal  
Attorney Tim Britain responded, majority of the clearing is done, if needed stumps will be stored on site out of view.  
Dick Fraser noted if any stump removal occurs, they will be composted on site and resulting compost mixed with earth will be buried at the face when pit is closed.

Board members reviewed the Engineers report. (See records)

At 7:02 pm Lauren Bressett opened the hearing up to the applicant.

Attorney Britain stated he is representing Graves Trucking, Inc and introduced others who were in attendance: Tim Graves & his wife of Graves Trucking, Inc., Gretchen Fowler, Trustee of the George Graves Trust, Tom Key of Key Blasting, Jeff Cloutier of North American Reserve, LLC and Dick Frazier of One Source Properties & Permitting. He at this time submitted two letters from Jeff Cloutier one in reference to the quarry floor storm water management and the other in reference to any stratified-drift aquifer and a memo from him in regards to his opinion of items to date, for board members to review. (See records) Attorney Britain stated, there are a few items the applicant will address, related to areas of concern noted in the engineers report.

1. Not enough detail of sedimentation pit and the proposed stone lined ditch, needs more detail.  
[Dick Fraser responded, these will be a maintenance item, over time the fines will need to be cleaned out of the pit and the rock channel. The plans will be updated to the engineer's request.](#)
2. The storm water berm will not work; water will not drain as proposed.  
[Dick Fraser responded that Tim Graves will be grading that area so the water will flow towards the sedimentation basin.](#)
3. See above #2
4. The quarry floor will provide storm water storage and means of infiltration, what if it does not infiltrate. Suggests back up plan.  
[Dick Fraser stated he has not seen one as of yet that did not work.](#)  
[Jeff Cloutier feels it is an effective plan.](#)
5. Fencing should be used for safety purposes.  
[Attorney Britain feels fencing is unnecessary.](#)
6. Proposed silt fence. Should be smaller sections, so as not to cause erosion. No response given.
7. Page 2 of plan sets states stock pile and stabilize stripping piles will be diverting storm water away from work area, it was the engineers understanding the water would not be diverted away, needs to be clarified.  
[Dick Fraser stated the safety berm will be permeable.](#)
8. Recommends quarry floor reclamation.  
[Attorney Britain stated a quarry is not required to reclaim ledge, the floor will be bedrock.](#)
9. Estimate of bond.  
[Attorney Britain stated the applicant is not going to put down subsoil, will seed other areas but not bedrock and the bond estimate is unheard of.](#)
10. May need to have EPA construction permit.  
[Attorney Britain stated there will be no discharge off-site, no other permits required](#)

Lauren Bressett opened the hearing to the public, noting that comments needed to be related to newly submitted items of SWRPC letter and the engineer's report only.

Patricia Rodrigues stated she has concerns of more traffic and that not all traffic will only be to right. She also feels that the only time anyone has checked for the intermittent streams was in the middle of winter and feels it should be done in May. She did not get an exact list from Alison Fissette as requested and was disappointed with the work session she witnessed; the board did not interpret her notes correctly. She also stated she still has concerns there is not a solid buffer of trees between her property and the proposed site, and with what the impact of this quarry will have on wildlife in the area, submitted a map from State of NH.

Dick Fraser responded to buffer claim, and submitted recent photos of the area (see record) and noted when the quarry is active (May-Nov) the trees will be leafed out. He also stated there will not be an increase in traffic from what it has been in the last 24 years.

Attorney Britain stated typically there will only be 2-3 blast shots per year.

Lauren Bressett will check with engineer in reference to a buffer.

Lauren Bressett noted eventually the trucks must access the Class V section of the road and other abutters expressed concerns with dust from the traffic during Zoning Board hearings.

Lauren Bressett asked the applicant if they would be willing to extend their hearing, in light of their plan to submit additional material. Attorney Britain asked if the board might consider granting a conditional approval, board members did not feel that would be wise, and so Attorney Britain stated, they would agree to an extension. Lauren Bressett continued the hearing to March 10th 6:30 pm at the Westmoreland Town Hall.

Lauren Bressett informed board members, that she had talked with the engineer about his bill and he informed her, Patricia Rodrigues had submitted items for him to review with the Graves material. Lauren Bressett stated it was totally inappropriate for her to do this, without permission from the board. Some discussion ensued.

Dawn Lincoln made a motion to have an itemized bill from the Engineer for the overages, Jim Starkey second, motion passed.

For the sake of new board members, Lauren Bressett reviewed rules of procedure and the time frame for the completion of the application decision.

#### ❖ **Old Business**

##### 1. Iron Clad – Chris Walker ( U1 Lot 5a owner Akbar Ashoury)

Jim Starkey asked for a refresher on the timeline and actions in relation to this lot. Board members reviewed what they have been waiting for. The property owner & tenant have been informed in the past (Jan 2013 & June 2014) of the need to have the site plan amended in relation to the changes in use and added driveway, to date this has not been addressed.

Jim Starkey made a motion for the Selectmen to address the need for an amended site plan of U1 Lot 5a, Bruce Smith second, motion passed.

#### ❖ **New business**

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Alison Fissette  
Planning Board Clerk

