

**Westmoreland Planning Board**  
**March 10th, 2015**  
**Meeting minutes**

❖ **Call to Order, Seating Members**

Present: Lauren Bressett, Jim Starkey, Bruce Smith, Steve Houle, Mark Hayward, Dawn Lincoln, Dave Hansel, June Hammond. Mark Hayward seated for June Hammond for continuation of hearing.

Lauren Bressett called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

❖ **Review of Minutes: 02/10/2015**

Jim Starkey made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Dave Hansel 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 opened the floor up to the applicant for submission of items to clarify concerns of engineer. Dick Frazier presented revisions to the site plan sheet #2, he also submitted a more detailed plan of the sedimentation basin and the rock lined channel. Lauren Bressett asked Dick Frazier what the expected time frame will be for the initial phase, when the sedimentation basin might be used. He replied that from the beginning they will be angling the pitch of the floor in the quarry, so water will remain within the quarry and hopefully not need to use the basin, it is more for a safety net. The basin is naturally there; why not utilize it, if needed.

Lauren Bressett read two memo's that had been submitted,

1. Gary Hudson Town Road Agent (see record)
2. Carol Oglivi (see record)

At 6:55 pm Lauren Bressett opened the hearing to the public, reminding all, the topic of discussion needs to be only in regards to items submitted this evening. Patricia Rodrigues stated she has concerns with the safety berm redirecting water. Lauren Bressett pointed out to her on the newly updated plan, where they had addressed that issue with change in direction of silt fences. Patricia Rodrigues submitted a report on protection of drinking water from NH DES. (See record) she has concerns with the chemicals used in the blasting, infiltrating from the quarry floor into the local drinking water and from material blasted and used as part of the berm. She also feels water testing should be done and to include looking for possible nitrates associated with blasting. She also has concerns with turbidity do to the blasting. Patricia Rodrigues asked about the access, Lauren Bressett stated that was a Zoning issue, and has already been dealt with. Patricia Rodrigues stated she feels an EPA permit is required for the site is larger than one acre and there could be discharge off site as the sedimentation basin is on another lot. She also stated she does not understand why Lot 29 is not part of the project (for site review) since the basin is on that lot. She submitted a copy of what she said was attached originally to the SWRPC letter, but was not found with the materials at the town office. (See record)

John Corduff stated he feels everything they have submitted or stated is being ignored. He also has concerns with the traffic volumes and dust created, and has complained about this previously, to no avail.

Gretchen Fowler spoke in reference to the sedimentation problem indicated in the submitted material of Patricia Rodrigues, which she said begins further upstream by Wentworth Road where there has been a washout. Dick Frazier also had pictures of the washouts and submitted pictures. (See record)

Attorney Britian stated, the report submitted by Patricia Rodrigues, does not pertain to this application. The state granted AOT permit has already taken these items into consideration.

Lauren Bressett closed the public portion of the hearing at 7:35 pm and the board began deliberating.

Board members reviewed the Engineer's report, SWRPC letter and the items of concern raised by Patricia Rodrigues at the 12/9/2014 meeting and since then.

Lauren Bressett reopened the hearing at 8:25 pm for clarification of a few items: What would happen with any stumps? What inspections are required? What is the pre-blast notifications time frame?

Dick Frazier stated at this point, if any stumps are generated they will compost on site. The site is cleared already.

Tim Graves responded that he is willing to give a weeks' notice of the blastings.

Dick Frazier stated that MSHA requires annual inspections and that the State of NH is not staffed well enough to do annual inspections.

Peter Remy was asked as best he recalled what Zoning intended with the well testing. He stated the well testing was for a baseline.

Patricia Rodrigues stated she feels well testing should be done after every blast.

Lauren Bressett closed the public hearing at 8:40 pm. Board members worked on a list of conditions they would feel should be met if approved as board members felt no vote should be taken until conditions including those set by the Zoning Board were defined.

Lauren Bressett reopened the hearing to the public at 9:10 pm to gather further information on the bonding issue.

Dick Frazier referenced his recommendation which was part of the application material, and did not recall ever having fencing included as part of a bond.

Lauren Bressett closed the public hearing at 9:18 pm. Lauren Bressett informed all in attendance, there would be a short break in order for the secretary Alison Fissette to prepare the list of conditions in preparation for a vote.

Upon reconvening, Jim Starkey made a motion to approve the Graves Trucking, Inc site plan with the conditions as listed, Bruce Smith second, motion passed, with all voting in favor.

Conditions:

1. Pre-blast notifications will be provided one week in advance.
2. Well testing to include a baseline and follow-up 6 months after the first series of blasts shall be offered to Lois Nimke, Patricia Rodrigues and John Corduff, or the current residents of those properties.
3. Current Best Management Practices of NH Department of Environmental Services and Mine Safety and Health Administration will be followed.
4. Copy of the annual MSHA inspections to be provided to the Planning Board.
5. Annual report provided to the Planning Board of current conditions, materials sold, status of regular site inspections, including status of sedimentation basin.
6. Planning Board reserves the right for inspection of the site and records by the Board or its designee.
7. Upon closure or abandonment, a safety fence of design suitable to the Planning Board shall be installed.
8. A Bond will be provided in the amount of \$6400.00 to ensure conditions are met.
9. Conditions as set by the Zoning Board will be met including:
  - A. A permeable safety berm which follows the active edge of the developing pit will be erected before blasting begins a minimum distance of 10 feet from the blasting area and will be maintained until it reaches the finished edge.
  - B. A safety fence will be installed on top of the berm around the finished edge

- C. The normal hours of operation of the quarry will be 7am to 5pm Monday through Saturday. The quarry will be mined during the months of May through November. The normal hours of trucking will be 6am to 7pm Monday through Saturday. Emergency hours will be up to three 24 hour days and then at the discretion of the Selectmen.
- D. Signage will be in place to warn of blasting and trespassing.
- E. Stumps will not be stored in sight of neighbors.
- F. No permanent structures will be built on Lot 28.
- G. There will be no crushing operations on Lot 28.
- H. Normally, material removed from Lot 28 will be trucked to the Graves Trust property.
- I. Pre-blast surveys shall be offered to Lois Nimke, Patricia Rodrigues and John Corduff, or the current residents of those properties, as well as to those within 500 feet of the blast site, as required by law. Quality and quantity well tests will also be offered to Lois Nimke and Patricia Rodrigues and John Corduff.

The excavation permit for this operation will be for a period of 7 years so that it aligns with the AOT review schedule. This accounts for the elapsed time since the first AOT permit was received and the completion of review by the Town of Westmoreland Boards prior to receiving approval.

❖ **Old Business**

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

Alison Fissette reported she had not heard from or seen a copy of letter sent to the property owner, per request of the Planning Board. June Hammond did not recall it being done. Alison stated she would check into.

❖ **New business**

Lauren Bressett informed Jim Starkey and Steve Houle their terms are to expire. The board would like to have them continue as members. If they would like to remain on the board they are to let herself or Alison Fissette know. Steve Houle asked to be considered for renewal. James Starkey will respond in a timely manner.

Jim Starkey made a motion to adjourn Dawn Lincoln second, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Alison Fissette  
Planning Board Clerk