

Westmoreland Planning Board
May 16th 2016
Meeting minutes

A. Call to Order, Seating Members

Present: Lauren Bressett, Steve Houle, Dawn Lincoln, Jim Starkey, Mark Hayward, Clay Stalker, Tim Thompson

Excused Absence: Bruce Smith. Tim Thompson seated for Bruce Smith.

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

Review of Minutes 4/18/2016

Dawn Lincoln made a motion to accept the minutes as read, with a minor grammatical error fixed, Jim Starkey second. Board members approved the minutes.

B. New Business

1. Lauren Bressett recused herself and turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Dawn Lincoln. A complaint letter (see file) was received from Patricia Rodriguez and John Corduff in regards to the Graves Trucking Quarry operations. To address the concerns and to provide any clarification of response, Board members were expecting Patricia Rodriguez and John Corduff to be present as well as property owner Tim Graves. Tim Graves and his wife were present and was accompanied by Timothy Britain, Dick Frazier, and Gretchen Fowler.

Dawn Lincoln asked board members if there was any new information presented that the Board has authority for such as any items that are in the notice of decision and/or the permit from the town. She stated she feels one item is the complaint of pre blast notifications. As clarified last fall, the pre-notification for blasting is to be mailed one week in advance, JoAnn LaBarre the town's administrative assistant received the town's copy in the correct time frame which indicates they were mailed on time.

Clay Stalker, Select board representative informed the board that the Selectman had received information from the town lawyer that the complainants had three options: 1) Present new evidence to the Planning Board of violations of the conditions set by the Planning Board; 2) go to the State with evidence of violations on any State permits; 3) go to Superior Court and file a civil action.

In the complainant's letter they stated the permit to excavate had expired, Tim Graves informed the board he had posted his new permit on April 30th, he is permitted to start working at the quarry May 1st in accordance with the excavation permit that states the quarry will be open from May thru November.

Jim Starkey asked if the required seismic testing had been done. Tim Graves stated that the baseline testing was completed but the complainants have not allowed for the follow up water and seismic testing on their property.

An email was received from the administrative assistant during this conversation from the complainants and Dawn Lincoln read the email aloud. (see file)

Jim Starkey asked if all permits that are required are in place, Attorney Timothy Britain replied yes all permits required have been received. Jim Starkey asked about the "fugitive dust", Tim Graves replied, he believes it is the dust on the roadway, not coming from the back of the trucks.

Steve Houle asked about the complaints of the trucks not having the loads covered. Tim Graves stated, they do not need to be covered when moving on internal private roads or on public roads at the speeds they go on that road.

Lauren Bressett resumed chairing the meeting.

2. Board members reviewed the new laws in reference to accessory dwelling units and sign ordinances. Some discussion ensued. Still need to review agricultural items. Lauren Bressett stated that as a result of the Hazard Mitigation Update, one item to be addressed is a review of the the road standards. She will get reference materials the board can look over and after identifying our recommendations a meeting with Gary Hudson to review these should be held.
3. Schedule of reports and fees. Alison Fissette needed to send out a reminder to Cersosimo Industries and Graves trucking for their annual reports. As these were conditions of their permit, she feels she should not need to do this and suggested adding a fine if the report is not on time. Lauren Bressett will do some research on this.

C: Application/Hearing
None

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

Meeting adjourned at
8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Alison Fissette
Planning Board Clerk