

Westmoreland Planning Board
December 12th, 2014 Approved Minutes
Graves's site visit

Members present: Lauren Bressett, Jim Starkey, Bruce Smith, Mark Hayward, Steve Houle and June Hammond. Absent Dave Hansel, Dawn Lincoln

Lauren Bressett opened the meeting at 10:00 am at the site of the proposed excavation site of Graves Trucking, Inc. off of Old Route 12 North in Westmoreland. Mark Hayward was designated a voting member to replace Dave Hansel.

Tim Graves, Gretchen Fowler, Dick Frasier and Attorney Britian were present. There were a few members of the public also present.

Attorney Britain gave a brief description to orientate all in attendance. He stated they were not sure where the Old Route 12 actually ends, but they do have the easements for access to the site. Dick Frasier stated the pit's interior road will be mainly along the bottom of the hillside on the north edge of the property and will continue up to about the center of the project area. Work will begin along the center of the north edge and will progress in towards the south perimeter first, opening the work area. Work will then progress toward the sides.

Patricia Rodriguez asked about intermittent streams that are on the town's water resource map, indicating she felt one of these streams was obvious in the middle of the site and was not indicated on the project plans. Lauren Bressett stated that this was not the public hearing, that discussion of these items would take place at the public hearing. She also stated the board would look at the Town's Wetland Resources map as a reference.

Lauren Bressett asked Dick Frasier at what point will reclamation begin, Dick Frasier replied that he is working on a project in Charlestown NH, that is very much like this project and he intends to have pictures that will help explain the process at the public hearing.

Dick Frasier noted where a temporary berm will be placed to manage flow until the pit is opened sufficiently to hold water on site. Lauren Bressett noted she had talked with Ridge Mauck from NH DES about the alteration of terrain permit and was told that a berm around the perimeter of the project was not part of the AOT submitted plans. The plan before the planning board notes an earthen berm will be placed around the perimeter of the project area. Dick Frasier stated that the Zoning Board was requesting this for safety reasons; material that water could infiltrate through for the berm could be used. Lauren Bressett asked if this project would need to follow MSHA (Mining Safety and Health Association) practices. Dick Frasier stated yes and that a berm related to axle height or a related protection for vehicle rollover is required to meet MSHA standards.

Lauren Bressett questioned the volume of anticipated standing water in the pit. Dick Frasier stated the plan is to drill holes in the bottom of the pit and that the type of rock at the site, sedimentation rock, has cracks throughout and the water will infiltrate into the rock. Until they see the condition of the rock at the pit base they will not know what the volume will be.

Dick Frasier pointed out where there is already a natural basin where the sedimentation basin will be. The water currently pooling by the siltation fence will be directed to overflow to this basin.

Mark Hayward made a motion to adjourn, June Hammond second, motion passed. Jim Starkey abstained. Meeting adjourned at 10:29 am