

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
PLANNING BOARD  
Davis Excavation Site Inspection  
Final Minutes  
October 16, 2009

Members Present: Chairman Allen Howe, Vice Chairman John Wirkkala, Rich Moen, and Select Board Representative Jim Carrick.

Others Present: Select Board member Ed Andersen, Building Inspector Jack Warburton, and Shaun Carroll, Jr., and Richard Fraser representing Newport Sand & Gravel.

The site inspection commenced at around 9 am and lasted for about 1.5 hours.

Mr. Carroll guided participants around the site and explained work completed and to be completed. Work will continue this fall and commence again next spring. Mr. Carroll offered to conduct another site visit in the summer of 2010, if the board wished.

The mound of earthen material that had been in the field adjacent to the Sugar River has been removed. The area needs to be raked and seeded.

The excavation site was viewed at the Unity-Goshen Town line. Some final contouring was in place in Unity, some remained to be completed. The height of exposed earthen material had been lowered considerably (35+ feet) in Goshen at this location, but would be lowered even further as final contouring occurred next year.

Two large mounds and many small mounds of top cover material were seen that will be distributed and seeded following final contouring.

Mr. Carroll pointed out some areas that had minor erosion occurring, but explained these locations were covered by sparse naturally occurring growth and they had not yet been contoured and seeded as part of the reclamation process.

Mr. Carroll said that some interior roads will remain, but will be relocated slightly to fit in with the necessary contouring work. The interior roads will be used to support reclamation efforts. Some interior roads have been or will be discontinued. Mr. Carroll has no specific development plans for the property at this time.

Mr. Carroll explained that reclaimed areas will not be mowed, but will be allowed to naturally revegetate after the initial seeding.

We examined the fuel storage location and Mr. Carroll stated that this area still needed some additional contouring work.

As participants stood on the access road adjacent to the field and looked back up-slope (to the west) toward the Goshen-Unity Town Line, Mr. Carroll explained the contouring to be completed. Once completed the base of the trees at the far western side of the excavation would be visible from this location.

Mr. Carroll identified a location close to the site entrance that might provide future road sand for the Town, if agreed and donated by Newport Sand and Gravel and accepted by Town officials.

Mr. Carroll provided participants with a letter from Deborah Weymouth, NRCS, to Richard Fraser concerning reclamation. He also provided the board Chairman one copy of an excavation report and an updated plan sheet dated 9/18/2009.

The site visit ended around 10:30 am. The board will discuss the site visit at its 10/27 regular meeting.

Minutes prepared by Allen Howe, Chair, Goshen Planning Board, 10/18/2009.