

**Town of Goshen
Planning Board
Minutes of April 5, 2018
FINAL**

Planning Board members present: Alicea Bursey (Chair), George Hebert (Vice-Chair), Fred Smith, and Bruce Nadeau

Guests: Shaun Carroll Jr, and Kathy Carroll

Meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Election of Officers

George Hebert made a motion to appoint Alicea Bursey as Chair of the Planning Board. Bruce Nadeau seconded the motion. All were in favor, Alicea Bursey will act as Chair of the Planning Board.

Fred Smith made a motion to appoint George Hebert as Vice-Chair of the Planning Board. Bruce Nadeau seconded the motion. All were in favor. George Hebert will act as Vice-Chair of the Planning Board.

After recent elections, Bruce Nadeau will now serve as the Selectmen's ex-officio representative to the Planning Board; Doug O'Clair will be the alternate for Bruce Nadeau.

The board will continue to search for an additional board member to meet Planning Board requirements.

Carroll Pit Renewal Phase I

The board reviewed the application for the renewal of the Davis Pit. The board reviewed the renewal application and associated supporting documents. The board found no additional changes except for the hours of operation which are "7:00am - 5:30pm" with the additional statement regarding the warm up time which is, "6:45am-7am." The warm up period has historically been allowed at the Davis Pit as indicated in their previous permits.

Chair Bursey mentioned that it was also important to note that the following clause in the permit regarding the travel of trucks exiting the pit. She read directly from the permit, "The primary route for transporting material from the site will continue to be what it has been historically. The route includes a 600' travel distance from the Davis excavation site exit point to the Lear Hill Road/Route 10 intersection, with a left turn northbound on State Highway 10 for +/- 3,400' to the Newport Town line, then on to Newport. On rare occasions, a transportation vehicle may deliver material to a location located south of the Lear Hill Road/State Highway 10 intersection."

Mr. Shaun Carroll Jr. reviewed the renewal permit with the board and presented on the current reclamation process as well as the reclamation that has occurred to date. He stated that they are moving forward with the year-to-year projects. He updated the board on the current status of the pit, making mention to the increase of vegetation as well as the overall condition of the pit.

The board had no concerns with Mr. Carroll Jr.'s presentation. They believe that Newport Sand and Gravel has been a good steward of the land and they appreciate the high standard that the Carroll's hold in their business.

Chair Bursey opened the floor for comments or concerns. None were made by the board or the public.

Bruce Nadeau made a motion to consider the application for the Excavation Permit of Davis Pit complete. Fred Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, the application is complete.

Recording Secretary, Melissa Salinardi, will continue with the notification process to abutters and public postings in town.

The May 3, 2018 meeting will be a public hearing where the Carroll Davis Pit permit renewal will be discussed and voted upon.

Review of Excavation Regulations

The board asked Mr. Carroll Jr. for input on suggested changes to the Excavation Regulations which the board has been reviewing for the last few months. These possible changes include defining the term “holidays” with a list of exactly which ones will be observed. Creating a template for the permit that would be easily accessible. The possibility of creating Saturday hours or extending the work day to allow for compensation of not working Saturday. The possibility of creating a corrective action process for the board to self address errors when and including wording in the hours of operation that include a warm up period.

Mr. Carroll, Jr. agreed with these suggestions and stated that he would be open to any positive changes that the town might make. He mentioned that this past year presented several obstacles and that making changes to help clarify expectations from the board would certainly help avoid certain struggles in the future. However, he did not want to cause division and frustration among residents and will gladly adhere to any regulations that the town puts into effect.

The board agreed that it would be beneficial for some changes to be made to the regulations. They thanked Mr. Carroll Jr. for being willing and open to working with them to bring clarity into the regulations.

Shaun Carroll Jr., updated the board on the request for a blinking light at the intersection of Route 10 and the Anderson Pit entrance. He was asked to contact someone on the state level to inquire about adding a blinking light to that intersection. He did in fact inquire about this situation and was told that it was not something that the state would normally require because of safety concerns. The state representative said that if “Trucks Entering” signs were posted, then usually that is a safer and more effective way of cautioning people. However, if the blinking light is still something that the town wanted to enforce, then the state would need a written request from the Board of Selectman before they could continue.

The board thanked Mr. Carroll Jr. for following up on this request. Bruce Nadeau will bring this before the Selectman during their next meeting.

Chair Bursey requested that Mr. Carroll Jr. present the start of season update during the May meeting. Mr. Carroll Jr. agreed to present this information during the May 3, 2018 meeting. Chair Bursey noted that the update is not a requirement, that this is the first time such an update will be held and is based upon discussions with Mr. Carroll Jr. in 2017. The goal of this discussion is simply to let the residents of Goshen know when the start of season will be and when reclamation will begin.

Chair Bursey opened the floor for comments or concerns. None were made by the board or the public.

Review of March 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Bruce Nadeau motioned to accept the minutes from March 15, 2018. George Hebert seconded the motion. All in favor, minutes approved “as is”.

Land Use Training on March 17th

During the Land Use Training on March 17, 2018, State regulations regarding proper procedure of all Goshen Boards was discussed along with other various topics. The state is requiring all boards to be consistent with agenda postings, and other meeting details. The individual boards will meet to discuss the actions that will take place to allow for these changes. No actions were taken at this time, the Planning Board will continue to discuss this at a later meeting and Bruce Nadeau will discuss this with the Selectmen to see if they are formulating a town wide plan.

Review of ZBA Proposed Sign Regulation Changes

Bruce Nadeau made a motion to table the review of the proposed changes to the Signage Regulations and revisit them during another meeting. George Hebert seconded the motion. All were in favor; proposed sign regulation changes will be discussed during a later meeting.

Other Business

- The next meeting will be the third Thursday of the month - April 19, 2018.

Standing items

- Land Use Training Discussion
- Carroll Pit renewal application
- ZBA Proposed Signage Regulations (update size in the draft proposed regulations)
- Continued review of Excavation Regulations
- Discussion of Setback Regulations
- Appointing another Member

Bruce Nadeau motioned to adjourn the meeting; George Hebert seconded the motion, all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:08p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Salinardi
Recording Secretary