

ACTON PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 1, 2015 (approved October 15, 2015)

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Bob Smith - Chairman
Jessica Donnell
Yoli Gallagher
Gavin Maloney – Alternate
Walter Scott - Alternate

Members Absent: Tom Cashin – Vice Chairman (excused)
Art Kelly (excused)

Also present: Ken Paul, CEO; Virginia DeBoer, Video Recorder; Tom Harmon, Civil Consultants

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

September 3, 2015: Motion by Skip Scott, seconded by Jess Donnell, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed 5-0.

September 17, 2015: Motion by Yoli Gallagher, seconded by Jess Donnell, to approve the minutes as written. The Motion passed 5-0.

The Chairman reported that according to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the “Little Red Schoolhouse” proposed amendment to the Ordinance will be considered at a special town meeting scheduled for October 20th along with the proposed Transfer Station and Fire and Rescue Ordinances.

New Business: Tom Harmon, Civil Consultants submitting a Conditional Use Permit Application for Mountain Minerals and Aggregates to Expand the Mineral Extraction Activity on Property at Route 109, Map 225, Lots 002 and 003 (Turcotte): Mr. Harmon stated that the site was formerly worked by the Turcotte family and that the DEP Stop Work Order has been lifted. His client is applying to extract from approximately 30 acres of land. Ken Paul noted that the two properties should be merged onto one deed. Mr. Harmon also explained that the DEP criteria for processing the letter of credit is distinct and must be assurance to the DEP exclusively. His client is requesting that the town waive the requirement for a security bond. Ken noted that ten acres are exempt under the DEP criteria, so only twenty acres will be secure on the DEP bond, therefore the Town will be looking for assurance covering the exempted acreage.

Consensus of the Board members was that one of the conditions will be that top soil cannot be removed from the site.

Motion by Yoli Gallagher, seconded by Jess Donnell, to accept the Preliminary Plan. The motion passed 5-0.

Members scheduled a site walk on Monday, October 19th at 4:00 p.m. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Old Business: Proposed Amendments to the Ordinance Relative to Resource Protection - Tom Cashin requested, in his absence through the Chairman, that Board Members consider rescinding the previous

vote to support the proposed amendment to the Ordinance regarding Resource Protection that was submitted by the Planning Board and recommend that it “out not to pass”.

Adjournment: Motion by Skip Scott, seconded by Jess Donnelly, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.