

UPDATED AND APPROVED 1-9-17

Dummerston Development Review Board Meeting – November 14, 2017

Attending: Chad Farnum, Alan McBean, Cami Elliott, Jen Sargent, Sam Griffis, Patty Walior and ZA Roger Jasaitis

Other Interested Parties: Claudia Teachman, Walter and Debbie Brookes, Donald Pollica, Dennis and Ann Boyd, Carleton and Bonnie Garland, Cory Frahsee, Mike Renaud, Chris Duggan, Tim Severance, Leon Chamberlin and Louis Rumore

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Alan. Minutes from October 24th meeting were approved with changes. We will be meeting on Dec. 12th, there are 2 applications, 1 for a site plan review for Landmark Trust and the 2nd a Conditional Use for Elysian Hills to use barn for special events. Site visits will be on Monday Dec. 11th at 3:45 at Scott Farm followed by visit to Elysian Hills.

Public Hearing for permits # 3308, # 3309 and # 3059 began at 6:40. Alan read warning and oath for all interested parties. These are 5 year reviews for SB Lands gravel pit and Renaud Gravel pit. Cory Frahsee reported for Gravel pit. He presented updated copy for the new blast plan and Rath recommendations. He shared map of pits showing access points, campground, ABF and surrounding area. Renaud has hired a new blasting company, Capital Rock, they were not happy with prior company. There was a fly rock incident involving a home as well as I-91. Per protocol for Act 250 if any fly rock goes off property the blasting is to be immediately halted, which it was, until such time it is reviewed and approved by Act 250 committee. Capital Rock will be monitoring homes during blasting, and they will be onsite for all blasting. There will be with a consistent contact person. At this time Cory asked for any names of residents who were not on a contact list so that they could be added. SB Gravel Pit is almost completed. Debbie Brookes asked when they are done extracting will road be closed. By permit access will not be closed, but trucks will stop using. (Need to use access for homes) She also asked about the time frame for bedrock clearing. Mike R. reported that a lot is controlled by weather and demand. Cory F. stated that they can use till 2022 and

if they wanted to go beyond that time frame they would need another permit. It's possible gravel could be moved to Renaud pit to store. Donald Pollica stated he would like that as then the land could be developed. Walter Brookes wondered if Dummerston Station Rd access is needed or wanted. He said he has had many close calls with trucks, he believes because of excess speed. Cory stated that per DOT permit traffic flows in a particular direction. Chris Duggan stated that Dwayne Fletcher, the pit master keeps on top of this. He also said that if traffic pattern is to be changed they would need to contact the VT DOT. A 2012 permit states that Renaud Brothers trucks are not supposed to use Winterbell access for Renaud pit. Mike R. stated that his trucks will use Winterbell access when they take gravel from SB pit but they do not if they are going to Renaud pit. Lee Chamberlain reported that the town follows the traffic pattern they are required to use. In response to concerns of trucks traveling too fast, Chris D. asked that residents call Cindy at Renaud Brothers and report names on trucks to Dwayne and they will speak to them. Cory stated that Renaud has shown good faith and wants neighbors to be happy. Claudia Teachman had read the Rath Report and was concerned with a quote from the previous blast company after the fly rock incident. She asked about the chain of command, who should residents notify if there is an incident. Chris D. said that they could immediately call the state or call Renaud office. (Calling state directly would be quicker) Chris reiterated that there is a new blaster, Mike did a lot of research to find the best. Chris also stated that the Rath report looked at all the evidence and made as accurate as possible recommendations so that nothing like this happens again. Cory read the summary of report stating that this accident was caused by more than one factor. They made 15 recommendations and Capital Rock is aware of and implementing them all. Act 250 is satisfied. MSHA is concerned with the blasting company, not Renaud Brothers. MSHA and Renaud had a difficult time getting any information from the previous blaster. Louis Rumore, a representative from Capital Rock reported that they will be using blasting mats and they will not be overloading, this is their livelihood and they don't want to do anything to damage their reputation. Claudia asked about home video's from previous blasting company, she would like them back. Cory will get her name of who to contact. Ann Boyd from Carpenter Road felt a blast from April and they are concerned with their

water. Debbie B is also concerned with water quantity and quality. She would like to see the bedrock left alone. Cory said that those concerns were addressed through Act 250. Carleton Garland also expressed concern about water quantity. He was advised back in 1996 not to try hydro fracking. Alan asked about the use of the rock, flood repair and ripraph, ditch stone. Mike reported that pits have a finite use and they are getting harder and harder to find. Lee stated that the town is already trying to plan for the future. Mike stated that there may be about 150-200,000 yards left in SB pit. Renaud waters the pit as needed, they don't have a set number of times per day. Walter B. stated that the back up alarm change was a great improvement. Mike believes that the dust is probably coming from the trucks on Dummerston Station Rd. rather than the pit itself. Mike will ask about changing the traffic pattern to use ABF access, they will need to check conditions of permit. Hearing closed at 8:07!

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walior, DRB member