

Dummerston Development Review Board Meeting 1-8-19

Attending: Alan McBean, Cami Elliott, Jen Sargent, Chad Farnum, Patty Walior and ZA Roger Jasaitis. Other interested parties: Lewis White, Zeke Goodband, Lee Chamberlin, Robert Etzweiler, Claudia Teachman, Michelle Cherrier

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Alan McBean. Minutes from 11-13-18 approved with corrections. We have another meeting next week on the 15th. There will be a site visit on Sat. at 10:00, meet at office if you want to carpool. Roger isn't sure about a February meeting yet.

Hearing for permits #3309 and #3059, Conditional Use amendment for an extension of permits began at 7:06. All interested parties sworn in and warning was read.

Zeke Goodband representing the Town of Dummerston reported that the Select Board is asking the voters at Town Meeting this year to approve the purchase of the Renaud Gravel Pit along with the Town of Putney. They are seeking an extension of permits for 50 years now so that the voters will know in March that this is a long term endeavor. The Board feels that this will have a positive effect on residents to know that it is being used strictly for the two towns and not for profit. It is also thought that since the town will be the stewards they will be more responsive to resident concerns. They believe that the amount of traffic will be cut in half and the amount of gravel taken each year will be half of what it is currently. Blasting will happen every 5 years until 2033, then probably will need to happen every year after that. If the voters turn this down the board will ask for this decision to be rescinded. This amendment would not apply to current owner. Michelle Cherrier asked to see maps, Roger showed. Claudia Teachman asked when blasting would begin. Zeke stated that it would all depend upon how much gravel is left by Renaud. She asked if Act 250 would still apply, a new permit will be required. Claudia also asked if the town would be using the current blasting company. She questioned the communication from this company, she didn't receive any. However, she also wasn't here this past summer so isn't sure if any blasting actually occurred. Lee Chamberlin thought that there was some but not sure of when or how often. He also stated that the traffic pattern would most

likely stay the same. There would be an easement through ABF that will still be owned by Renaud. Claudia stated that she is happy to have the resources used locally. Zeke reported that there will be 2 informational meetings in February because this can't be discussed at Town Meeting (on the ballot). The first will be February 13 at Dummerston School with Putney, the second on the 20th with just Dummerston residents. If the towns approve and sale goes through Town will be responsible for all calls and notifications. Sale could take place in August, not 100% sure of price that information should be at the informational meetings. Chad F. asked about current use. Currently it is permitted for 30,000 cubic yards per year. Currently Dummerston uses approximately 6000 yards per year and Putney 7000. The current permit for the SB pit expires in 2022 at the north end and in 2028 for the south pit. In the permit there are 10 days of emergency use outside of permitted hours. This would be for a town emergency. Cami asked why a permit for 50 years. Select board feels it will offer comfort to the town's people and it will also be beneficial for the Bond Bank to already have the extension in place. Alan asked Claudia how she felt about this. She likes the fact that the town will manage and that blasting won't happen as frequently. A reminder was made that this is an extension only, no change of use. As always, a permit can be reviewed at any time if there is a concern. Hearing closed at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walior – DRB member