

Town of Waterford Development Review Board (DRB)

Meeting Minutes - March 20, 2017

Members Present: Andrea Dinneen, Kevin Gillander, Bernie Brochu, Dot Borsodi, Mike Barrett, Steve Eddy

Others Present: Chis Brimmer-Zoning Administrator, Fred Saar, Sandra Barrett, Walter Dodge, Kevin Benoit, Terry LaRue, Clair R. Gonyaw, Joan Adams, Kevin Pratt, Elaine Peterson, Rick Strom, Gail Strom, Bruce Quimby, Melissa Manseau

Andrea called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

Modification of Agenda: There were no modifications to the agenda.

Minutes

Previous meetings' minutes (February 20, 2017). Mike made the motion to approve February 20, 2017 Minutes. Bernie seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Zoning Administrator Report:

Chris accepted an application for a permit (17S-02/17-CU-01) for conditional use/for earth resources extraction of the Green Mountain Quarry, 0 Hudson Road/Cross Road, Waterford, VT. Chris provided the above application and expected the owner to attend, however did not show up.

New Business:

Chris explained the application for Green Mountain Quarry being two parts:

- Conditional Use
- Site Plan Review (regarding issues when reopening)

A multitude of those present spoke out with insecurity with reopening this quarry. Andrea addressed clearly that this is the first time the DRB has seen/reviewed this application. Andrea shared several copies of the application that included the blasting plans for review. Andrea gave each an opportunity to share their concerns but stated that they can be put in a letter or email to the DRB. The primary concerns those present shared were:

Noise from blasting, crushing, and trucks backing up. Frequency of blasting, Property values, Traffic Patterns and size/weight of trucks along with quantity of large vehicles each day. The creation of dangerous intersection at Cross Road and dangerous conditions along Hudson Road, Cross Road.

Concerns of safety when folks, especially children cross over to Stiles Pond nearby.

Concerns of blasting and impact to local wells.

A question was asked as to what the hours of operation of this quarry.

Chris explained to citizens present their right to appeal. Abutters, and all present are now interested parties and can appeal if needed.

Fred Saar (an abutter) handed out printed copies of his initial questions, most of which were shared verbally, however the printed word here is clear. Fred also stated that the applicant should be present to discuss and answer questions.

Andrea asked if everyone was heard. The only comment at that time was that most all wanted all this information in advance to meeting for review and rebuttal. Chris stated that if email addresses are supplied he will email all available information in advance. Only two provided email; Joan Adams (KPJA@myfairpoint.net), Rick & Gail Strom (rgstrom@cox.net).

Mike made motion to recess this subject to next DRB meeting, April 17, 2017, Dot seconded and all were in favor. All those present for Green Mountain Quarry exited.

Other Business:

Melissa Manseau (17S-01) not present (out of town), Sandra Barrett representing Melissa for this meeting regarding Wedding venue (Sandra is Melissa's business partner).

Sandra explained the plans to hold weddings at this site between the months of May to October. Two weddings per month as well as two other events potentially per month being family reunions, retreats, etc. Other subjects Sandra touched on included row rights, septic system, parking.

Mike made the motion to recess this discussion until the next DRB meeting, April 17, 2017, Dot seconded and all were in favor.

Andrea introduced Steve Eddy as the new DRB Clerk and Steve volunteered a brief BIO.

Mike made the motion to adjourn, Dot seconded, the meeting was adjourned.