

## **Minutes**

## HUBBARDSTON PLANNING BOARD Slade Building

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Vincent Ritchie, Chair Other members present: Thomas Bratko, Tom Robinson, Scott Leblanc, and Kendall Daly

Notes from February 27, 2017 were reviewed and there was a motion to enter them into the Planning Board records.

Motion: Scott Leblanc Second: Tom Robinson All in favor.

The meeting minutes from March 23, 2017 were reviewed, and there was a motion to accept, with correction.

Motion: Tom Robinson Second: Kendall Daly All in favor.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Tom Bratko made a motion to recess the Planning Board meeting, in order to convene the public hearing.

Motion: Tom Bratko Second: Tom Robinson All in favor.

**7:00pm Public Hearing for Earth Removal Permit Application for Pitcherville Road, D. J. Palm Trust** Vin Ritchie, Chair, read the public notice that was posted. Ann Marinelli and Louise Proulx, land owners represented by D. J. Palm Trust, made a statement regarding the history of their gravel pits on Pitcherville Road, which occupies 96.5 acres on 8 different parcels. They introduced their professional engineer, Mark Beaudry of Meridian Associates, Westboro, MA. Also present with them was Christina Adams, of Resource Management Inc. (RMI), to discuss their proposed site restoration project.

The previous earth removal permit for that property, from 2012 issued to Hubbardston Sand, has now expired. They would like to re-permit the property. Access was granted by a right of way through town property for an active gravel operation with screening and washing. At the time of the 2012 submittal there were 7 phases of operation, approximately 3-4 acres per phase. They would like the reclamation and the new extraction to go on simultaneously. Reclamation materials containing of Class A biosolids, and short paper fiber materials, would be supplied by RMI. The new permit submittal information contained the exact same information as the 2012 application.

A couple of property abutters were present and made comments of concern with regard to the effect on water supply, and the need for a truck traffic study. These concerns were also listed in the detailed permit application review dated 3/24/17, conducted by Places Associates, Inc.

Vin Ritchie, Planning Board Chair, recommended that the applicants update their submittal information and resubmit the earth removal permit application for 2017. Tom Bratko suggested the Planning Board do a site walk of the property.

Tom Bratko made a motion to continue the Public Hearing until May 3, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Motion: Tom Bratko

Second: Kendall Daly

All in favor.

9:23pm Tom Bratko made a motion to reconvene the Planning Board meeting.

Motion: Tom Robinson Second: Tom Bratko All in favor.

The Planning Board discussed an Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Christine Bolduc against them, regarding their meeting of March 13, 2017. A draft response letter was read into the records by Chair, Vin Ritchie. A motion to accept the response letter, mail it to the Mass. Attorney General's Office, and copy to the complainant was made.

Motion: Scott Leblanc Second: Kendall Daly All in favor.

9:35pm Motion to Adjourn was presented.

Motion: Tom Batko Second: Tom Robinson All in favor.

Approved,
Vincent Ritchie, Chair Date