



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 2018

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Eric Dodge, Judy Bickford & Chris Towne.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator, Tricia Follert, Community Development Coordinator; Roland Boivin Highway Foreman.

Guests: Sam Ruggiano, Tyler Mumley, Don Avery, James Brewster, Bill Westerman, Matt Martell, Hank Glowiak, Karen Cleary, Martin Worth, Nick Randeau.

Bob Beeman called the Selectboard meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the Duhamel Pit.

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. None

II. SITE WALK

Purpose of the meeting is to view the new area of expansion for the pit and to get input from the abutting landowners. There is very little gravel left in the current phase. There are 3 Phases of expansion. We will be moving into the 3rd phase. The Town conducted core sampling to get an idea of what there might be for gravel. It looks to be sufficient gravel for a very long time 20 plus years at least.

There has been no formal application put together at this point in the process. Permit should include primarily the extraction purposes proposed by the Town as well as any recreational activities that may be presented. The area currently is an extensive trail system. There have been other ideas of recreation that have been discussed. It was suggested to put together a committee to discuss any and all recreational activities.

Questions & Concerns

- What the reclaiming process might look like? The areas are screened with topsoil, grass is planted and maintained with mowing each spring/summer. Would also like to see some containment for the invasive species IE: Knotweed.
- Is it possible the pit could be used for parking or a solar array.
- How much gravel is extracted on a yearly bases? We extract 25,000 tons or less of gavel per year.
- Is it possible to find another pit somewhere else so that this one can be used for recreational use only? Gravel pits are hard to come by especially in

Lamoille County. We purchased this pit in the early 90's and have been using it ever since. When we can get gravel out of it we pay \$4.50 -\$8.50 a ton. The Town owning the pit has saved the Taxpayers a lot of money. Bob Beeman, Selectboard member stated that he hopes that we can find a solution that works for everyone where recreation and our pit can coexist.

- How long before we start extracting from the new area? Roland thinks he has about another year before he will be out of gravel in the current extraction area.
- How will the new access be built? Roland said that he would like to build shelves and extract as they move into the new area. Don Avery asked if we could leave a noise buffer. Sam Ruggianno, Ruggiano Engineering; stated that by building shelves it would eliminate most of the noise.

All activities will need to be listed on the Act 250 amendment. Sam Ruggianno, Ruggiano Engineering hopes to have everything submitted to Act 250 by late winter. The Town would then start extracting and building an access by next spring.

Notifications regarding the process and any hearings will be sent to abutting landowners only.

The Selectboard thanked everyone for coming.

XIV ADJOURN

**Motion made by Chris Towne to adjourn at 6:35PM, seconded by Eric Dodge
Motion carried. (4/0)**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 1st day of August 2018.
Erica Allen, Scribe

Please note all minute are in draft form and are subject to approval at the next Selectboard meeting.