

Planning Board Meeting Summary  
October 13, 2015

In attendance: Board Members – Hank Aho, Jim Bowers, David Studer, Mitch Garnett, Bob Temple, Jesse Casas, Steve Ocean. Public – Suzanne White, Deborah Bocko, Rosemary Fowles, Bruce Fowles, Wesley Daniel, Charlotte Henderson, Donald Grinnell

Chairman, Mitch Garnett called the meeting to order at 7PM.

Tonight is a public Hearing regarding application from Nancy & Berkley Linscott to operate a mineral extraction operation at the corner of Mitchel Hill Road and McDowell Road, tax map 5 lot 5. The applicant has requested the public hearing be cancelled, through an email. The public hearing is cancelled tonight. The applicant is going to resubmit the application for a medium size pit. Mitch asked anyone in attendance to put their phone number on the sign in sheet to be notified when the application is resubmitted. A butter's will receive a letter.

Mitch Garnett explained that the Mining Ordinance defines the three different size pits (small, medium, large) and what the standards are.

Mitch Garnett closed the Public Hearing time frame at 7:07PM.

Mitch Garnett opened the Planning Board meeting with a roll call. Both alternates, Jesse Casas and Steve Ocean, will be voting members tonight.

**Jim Bowers motioned to accept the 9/8/15 summary, Steve Ocean seconded, all in favor.**

Bob Temple has issued one new permit for a yurt. Bob will check on a permit at Hank Aho's request.

Old Business

The final review of Finding of Fact order for Bay Communications; Condition 19 is the performance bond for \$26,500.00 to dismantle of cell tower if not in use. The Town of Washington will be listed as a payee. The final copy of Finding of Fact will be signed by Mitch Garnett after the Selectmen agree to the issued bond.

The Linscott mineral gravel extraction application is on hold. Jesse Casas asked why it is not considered a small pit. After looking it up there were inconsistencies in the ordinance. Bob said they would be limited to 1000 cubic yards. Jesse stated we need to fix the inconsistencies in the ordinance but it appears to be a small pit (based on footprint). Bob said the application has inconsistencies as well. There was much discussion regarding the interpretations regarding the ordinance. Less than one acre is stated in the application which is considered a small pit.

**Jim Bowers made a motion that the pit is greater than 20,000 square feet expected to be less than one acre, the Planning Board finds it to be considered small pit, David Studer seconded, all in favor (Steve Ocean, Jesse Casas, Mitch Garnett)**

Bob Temple will contact the applicant to let them know they may reschedule a public hearing for a small pit.

There was discussion regarding the inconsistencies in the mining ordinance from the book and website. **David Studer made a motion for the CEO (Bob Temple) to take the problem regarding the inconsistencies of the mining ordinance to the Selectmen's attention and bring an answer back to the board at the next meeting, Jesse Casas seconded, all in favor.** The official record is the attested copy which will be checked against the copy on the website.

**Jim Bowers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm.**

The next meeting will be held on November 10, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anderson