

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT  
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC MEETING  
11-17-2011

Members present: Gisela Walker, Chair, Jerry Pratt, Trevor Mackie, Steve Ferguson and Marguerite Willis  
Public present- listed on sign in sheet  
7:05 PM

Notice: Berkshire East Hearing on main lodge expansion will be Dec 1, 2011

715PM

Opened the Public Hearing on Northern Constructions (NC) SP application to expand/operate the Connelly property gravel pit on Zoar Rd. Chair began by giving an overview of the existing gravel pit and Town Counsels opinion on its status along with what has transpired at the site since Oct 2011.

NC spoke that they wish to expand 100' outside of the existing pit area. The owner Mrs. Connelly spoke saying that she had an agreement with NC to operate the pit and NC is to close and reseeded the pit by June 1, 2011.

Abutters had a chance to speak their concerns dealt with runoff, NC using a SP that was granted to Mr. Williams, noise, view, property values, disturbing springs, time frame for the pit being opened and hours of operation. The PB spoke to these issues and will keep them in mind while deciding this SP.

NC stated that they need to import material for mixing with the existing pits gravel and that they will only be doing excavation, no blasting. That NC only intends to operate the pit out to the tree line as it now exist, no tree cutting (NC has done some minor edge tree cutting). There presently is a small amount of runoff coming out of the hillside, NC to install a silt barrier/fence along the Zoar Rd side of the pit immediately.

The PB requires that an engineering report be provided showing the estimated cost for reclaiming the pit including the erosion control cost. Also required is GPS data for the pit perimeter along the existing tree line. NC (if possible, due to the time needed for the report/purchase) will obtain a bond for the reclaiming work/closing of the gravel pit. If unable to have the bond by the next meeting NC will still be required to obtain a bond for the reclaiming work and closing of the gravel pit.

Motion made and seconded: To continue this Public Hearing until 1Dec 2011 at 8PM to be held at the Hawlemont School.

Respectfully submitted by

Trevor Mackie, Clerk