

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC MEETING
TOWN OF CHARLEMONT**

October 6, 2005

Members Present:

Bill Stephens
Charlotte Dewey
Dan Miller

Members Absent:

Ursula Nebiker
Gisela Walker
Trevor Mackie

Others Present:

Donald Schechterle

Meeting Highlights:

- The Board discussed the reclamation of Schechterle's gravel pit, and made an appointment for a site visit to the pit.
- The Board went into Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation and mediation with Earl Bowen.
- The Board reviewed and approved bills from Town Counsel and for mediation..
- The Board discussed Marie Hall's Special Permit and whether or not a hearing will be needed to make changes to the permit.

The meeting convened at 7:03 p.m.

1. Donald Schechterle came in to ask the Planning Board to make a site visit to his gravel pit. The company hired by Donald's brother Joe, ET&L, has finished the reclamation and Donald would like the Board's approval. He explained that ET&L bulldozed and closed the gravel pit, but that Joe still wants to sell an additional two to four thousand yards of gravel. Donald wasn't sure about the best way to do this, and suggested having Joe access in the pit a different area, so as not to disturb what ET&L has filled in. Bill asked what additional reclamation was needed. Donald said some seeding and topsoil, but that he would take care of that. He showed the Board a video that he had taken showing the pit both before and after the reclamation, and said he was pleased with the job that had been done. The Planning Board thought it looked good, from what they could see. However, the Board was reluctant to allow Joe to take out any more material now that ET&L has filled it in. Joe still has trees to remove as part of a previous agreement, and they recommended making a condition that, if he were to remove any additional material, Joe must return the pit to its original condition. The Board will make a site visit to the gravel pit on Wednesday October 12th, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.
2. At 7:38 p.m., the Board made a motion to go into Executive Session in order to discuss the ongoing litigation and mediation with Earl Bowen. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Bill-yes, Charlotte-yes, and Dan-yes. The motion passed.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:53 p.m.

The Board reviewed and approved Town Counsel and mediation bills.

4. The Board discussed the need for making changes to Marie Hall's permit. At the Select Board's suggestion, the Planning Board will remove the requirement that Marie obtain liability insurance. It is unclear as to whether or not a public hearing will be needed to make these changes, and further clarification will be sought from Town Counsel regarding this.
5. The Board discussed the possibility of canceling their meeting for October 20, as no business is pending and some members will be away. If the need should arise, the meeting will take place as usual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carlene Millett
Secretary to the Boards