

Board members present: Marilyn McCulloch, Chairman; Walter Stickney; Judy Matheson; Ken Leavitt; Diann Perkins; Barbara Ricker, Alternate; Warren Neal and Carlton Candage, Selectmen; Bruce Smith, CEO.

Public Hearing, 7:00pm, on application by Norman Scott for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a gravel pit on Lot 6, Tax Map R6, of less than five (5) acres, land located on Lowd Road, off Route #5.

Comments from the public:

Dennis Lowd: Who enforces town ordinances? M.M.: the CEO.

How long is the permit good for? M.M.: the one permit we've granted was for 2 years.* W.S. A major reason for the two year term on Steve Smith's lot was that was what he asked for.

*Extensions are possible.

Carlton Candage: how does the Comprehensive Plan effect what might happen in the future? M.M.: that is part of the zoning which has not been addressed yet.

Dennis Lowd: has he (N. Scott) submitted a plan for reclamation of the land? M.M.: read Mr. Scott's statement as presented. who sets hours of operation? Most towns say regular business hours (7-5) M.M.: the planning board will discuss hours of operation.

Public comments closed.

Planning Board Meeting: J.M. questioned insurance statement. N. Scott said he didn't want to buy it until he got the CUP. J.M. questioned hours of operation - wondered when the school bus went by. K.L. and W.S. - no questions Does the 6am - 9pm hours apply to Sundays - N. Scott - no.

K.L. - were there time restrictions placed on the previous permit. M.M. - no. but we've had no problems. B.R.: does the Planning Board set a liability insurance figure that must be maintained? M.M. - no.

M.M. read N. Scott's statement and said it would be part of the conditions. W.S. would propose the hours be 6:am to 8:pm, Sundays excluded except for personal use.

K.L.: could we limit it to normal daylight hours. N.Scott had no problem with that, excluding personal use. K.L.: what signs would be erected: N.Scott no trespassing signs. K.L.: what kind of gate? N.Scott - steel gate with locks.

W.S.: normal daylight hours would often mean work would be allowable from as early as 4:30am to as late as 9:30pm - not in favor.

Consensus of Board: 6:00am to 8:00pm, Sundays excluded except for personal use.

J.M.: would you flag the five acres? N.Scott-certainly no problem.

D.P.: why do we need to have a statement about normal equipment?

W.S.: the ordinance requires the proposed method of operation be stated.

J.M.: what about the road if damage is done to it?

W.S.: could we get the CEO and Road Commissioner to review the road now, determine its condition, and then, if there is a problem, they could go back and discuss the situation with Norman Scott and come to a solution. Inspection to be held twice a year - in April and November.

D.P.: concerned that signs would be needed on Route #5 saying trucks entering.

Bruce Smith: the state would have to determine if signs were necessary, though maybe the state should be notified that additional traffic may be forthcoming.

K.L: feels that the strip from the road to the pit should be paved, regardless of how many truck trips a day, or kinds of equipment used.

J.M: understands how K.L. is thinking but would go along with inspection if the length of time of the permit were lessened.

K.L: if damage occurs, can it be written into the permit that the damage will be repaired?

W.S. would it be feasible to pave the entrance to the edge of the road right of way? Discussion.

D.P. thinks we should see how other pits are handled in other areas.

K.L: what if the Road commissioner and CEO can't come to agreement with Norman Scott?

CEO: he could stop the operation until he complies.

Length of time of the permit has been asked for is 5 years. D.P. wants it for three years. Consensus of Board - grant it for 5 (five) years.

Walter Stickney moved to grant the permit for 5 years with conditions.

Ken Leavitt seconded - Vote 4 in favor, 1 opposed (Diann Perkins)

Minutes of last meeting were accepted with the addition of CEO Bruce Smith present. David Whitney was present at the meeting to discuss a CUP on B. Perkin's land for a gravel pit.

Comment: R. Hale has sold 2 lots on land above the county road.

Discussion: site plan review committee in the Business/Commercial zone.

Meeting dates for the Planning Board for the summer months: First Tuesday of the months of June, July, and August.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Stickney, Secretary