

**Lempster Planning Board
Approved Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 14, 2022
At Lempster Town Office**

Members present: Mark Adams, Bill Rodeschin, Kirt Wirkkala, David Richards, Everett Thurber (ex-officio)

Others Present: Thomas Hersey

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by senior member Mark Adams

Election of Officers

David Richards made a motion to elect officers same as last year, Kirt Wirkkala second, all in favor. Chairman Mark Adams, Vice-Chairman Bill Rodeschin, Secretary David Richards

Review of draft minutes

Minutes of 02/14/2022 and 02/28/2022 meetings were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Old Business

Newport Sand and Gravel, LLC paid fees associated with the renewal of the excavation permit and received the renewed permit.

Thomas Hersey was asked about the expiration date being changed on the reclamation bond for Hersey Acres, LLC excavation site. Mr. Hersey stated that the insurance company would not change the expiration date. Mr. Hersey was told that the bond renewal must be presented at the February meeting at least one month prior to the March 7, 2025 expiration to avoid any permit issues.

New Business

The board received a request to view the plans of Hersey Acres, LLC excavation permit by the Administrative Assistant Robin Cantara. While reviewing the plans and permit, a discrepancy was found between the 2015 and 2020 permits. The 2015 permit authorized phases 1, 3 and 4 while the 2020 permit authorized phases 1, 2, and 3. Thomas Hersey explained where he was active in the phase plan and the activity did cross into phase 2 by approximately 1 acre in the northwest section. Phase 4 is not currently active but is not depleted and has not been reclaimed. Mr. Hersey stated that the disturbed area was already disturbed by the previous owner and that he has not proceeded into any new areas. The permit for the previous owner, Peck Sand and Gravel, was reviewed and found to include phases 1, 2, 3 and 4. The area in phase 1 that is depleted and beginning to grow vegetation was determined to be roughly equivalent to the area open in phase 2. However, Mr. Hersey does not wish to complete reclamation on phase 1 at this time. Mr. Hersey informed the board that they are welcome to measure the open area at any time. The board plans to verify this area by GPS after the snow is clear and vegetation returns.

A motion was made by Bill Rodeschin and second by Kirt Wirkkala to amend the 2020 permit to include phases 1, 2, 3 and 4. All were in favor. Also, the board is willing to accept that the reclamation bond amount remain at 15 acres with a clear understanding that any expansion of area requires an increase in bond or reclamation according to the plan of the area completed.

Correspondence

A reclamation bond renewal was received for the excavation site of Gary Caron. The letter was placed in the file.

Miscellaneous

Chairman Adams showed the board the progress on the scanning of the past minutes. Discussion was held on proper disposal of duplicate documents. NH records retention RSA requires permanent retention of the application and the final approved plan but does not require retention of the draft plans. The board decided that a single copy of each draft showing plan progression should be kept for archival and that the duplicate copies of drafts could be destroyed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Richards, Secretary