

Town of Hill
Planning Board Minutes
11 July 2007

In attendance: Tom Whitman, Robert Helmers (Board)
Mike Brady (Selectmen's Office)
Mr. John Moses (Circle 3)

At 5:30 p.m. on July 11, 2007 the Hill Planning Board inspected the Circle 3 sand and gravel pit located on Bootjack Road.

Current excavation activities are in the phase 2 area. It appears that most of the ridge where the phase 2 materials are being excavated has been removed and the area, except for the distal edge of the ridge, is approaching final grade. Mr. Moses estimated that excavation should be completed by the end of next summer, depending on business. It is somewhat difficult to tell where the exact boundaries of the excavation and the adjacent staging areas are. There are numerous piles of sorted and unsorted material scattered in the phase 2 area and the staging area south of the phase 1 area. It was also difficult to ascertain the location of the wetlands on the site, mostly because the site plans had been left in the car. The restoration of the phase 1 area appears to be successful, the area is almost completely covered with good grass growth and secondary vegetation is establishing in the area. The southern portion of the reclaimed area is being used as an access road and perhaps some staging. There were no signs of damage or excessive erosion along the the edges of the excavation site and staging areas.

There were large piles of loam east of the phase 1 area; apparently this material had been trucked in from Plymouth and was being temporarily stored at the site. Stockpiles of loam for re-vegetating phase 2 were also present.

There were large stockpiles of material in the staging area. When asked, Mr. Moses stated that almost all of the material had been removed from the excavation site. He showed a small pile of gravel that had been brought in. When asked about the large pile of asphalt, Mr. Moses said that they were recycling it. The material is being ground up for use in paving. He stated that they had permits from the state and town. The existence of town permits was questioned. Mr. Moses also stated that they were not making concrete on site. On the way in, Mr. Brady had noticed some equipment in a clearing nearer the gate and inquired as to its purpose. Mr. Moses replied that it was the surveyor who is working in the area in preparation of phase 3. The need to obtain a special exception for any future excavation was conveyed to Mr. Moses and a brief discussion of the permitting process ensued. Complaints from residents in the area were discussed. Mr. Helmers said he would call Carl to discuss a few matters, and that Circle 3 would need to extend the expiration date for the bond as it is set to expire in January. The bond should be valid for about a year after restoration to assure that revegetation has been successful.

A heavy downpour moved in and the inspection ended about 6:30 p.m.

Robert Helmers
Chair