

**Haverhill Planning Board Minutes
October 20, 2009**

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Planning Board members present:

Don Hammond – Chair
Michael Fenn – Vice Chair
Melissa Walker
Mike Bonanno
Todd Bigelow
Rick Ladd – ex Officio

Also present: LeeAnn Nystrom, Clerk

Members of the public present: Robert Fillion, Harold Haskins, Winifred Patten, Roscoe Blaisdell, Carl Blaisdell, Katharine Blaisdell, Kenneth Blaisdell, Everett Henson, Howard Hatch, Jeff Elliott, Diane Kirkwood, Harry Burgess, Robin Roystan, Richard Patten.

2. **Agenda Approval**

Harry Burgess asked why two of his applications were not on the agenda for public hearing. The clerk told him that neither application was complete by deadline. The Fenn/Reiss Lot Line Adjustment is now complete, but Elliott's Subdivision is still missing the LCHIP Fee. Mr. Elliott asked if this typically holds up applications. The clerk reviewed the four things need for a complete application, and that an application must be complete prior to notices being sent for public hearing. Rick asked if applicants were notified. The clerk called Coventry Log Homes and left a message for Mr. Elliott regarding this fee. The call was returned by Mr. Elliott who spoke with the clerk. The clerk also contacted Harry by phone and reminded Harry at the September Planning Board meeting that this fee needed to be paid by September 30th. Secondly, Harry thought that he had everything in on time for the Fenn/Reiss L.L.A. The clerk explained that the Plat Contents Checklist was not done until a week after the deadline. This application is now complete and letters will go out for the Public Hearing tomorrow morning.

Rick asked if Proposed Changes to the Rules and Procedures could be added under new business.

3. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion was made by Mike B. to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2009 meeting, seconded by Todd – unanimous

Rick –abstained as he was not in attendance at the last meeting

4. **Scheduled Public Appearance**

None

5. **Public Hearings**

Excavation Permits

- a. Motion was made by Rick to go into Public Hearing at 7:19pm for the purpose of hearing the application of an excavation permit for Edwin and Katharine Blaisdell, Map 413 Lot 107, seconded by Mike B. – unanimous

Roscoe Blaisdell is here to present plans for the Blaisdell's gravel pit. Also attending are Carl, Kenny, and Katharine Blaisdell. Plans have been changed to tie into the proposed Town of Haverhill gravel pit. Also they have changed the final floor elevation to 700'. Pat Blackman, an abutting home owner, is here with concerns about the pit being closer to her home. She is also bothered with things shaking in her home and the noise of the equipment. Roscoe explained the plans and showed her that they are actually going to be further from her property line on the side of the pit closest to her home. Kenny is the one operating the pit and stated that they are not there late at night creating noise. He also said that there wouldn't be more digging on the side of her house and they didn't have much more material on the backside of her property. Pat Blackman asked what she can do in the future if there is an issue. The Board and the Blaisdell's encouraged her to first contact Kenny and let him know her concerns, and to come to the Planning Board or Selectboard if the issue cannot be resolved between them. Harold Haskins, an abutting homeowner, also had concern about his home being surrounded by the gravel pit. It was explained that because of the proximity of his house to Airport Road there was only a small, limited amount of excavation that could occur on the side of his home. Rick had concerns about the aquifer and if they intended to go lower in the future. Roscoe stated that the 700' shown on the plan is as low as they intended to go. Howard Hatch reminded the Board that the water table in that area is not consistent. The Board agreed that the water levels will need continued checking. Howard also asked the Planning Board would be addressing the Town's proposed pit because he would like to comment on that issue. It will come before the Board, but is not on the agenda for tonight. They are waiting to get their Alteration of Terrain Permit first.

Motion was made by Rick to close the Public Hearing at 7:46pm, seconded by Mike B. - unanimous

Motion was made by Mike F. to approve the Excavation Permit of Edwin and Katharine Blaisdell, seconded by Melissa - Discussion: Rick asked if the floor elevation at the test pit is remaining the same. Roscoe stated that yes it would be. It was restated that we should be careful with the water table and regularly checking it. – Motion passed, unanimous

- b. Motion was made by Rick to go into Public Hearing at 7:50pm for the purpose of hearing the application of an excavation permit for David and Judy Whitcher, Map 422 Lot 20, seconded by Melissa – unanimous

Todd Bigelow is recused from this application because he is the excavator.

Plans have not changed, just need to renew permit. Clerk addressed concern of Daniel Paschkes, abutting property owner. Mr. Paschkes noticed a type of lichen on the property that is also preserved in the Franconia State Park. He just thought the owner and excavator should be aware that it is on the property. Richard and Winifred Patten, abutters, are here and wonder if an abutter could get copies of the plans. He was told he would need to check with the Whitcher's. The Patten's also would like to know if they are expanding. They are expanding, but not outside of what they have already brought to the Board in the past. Excavation will be going away from the Patten's property. Todd does not believe that they will ever fully excavate what is shown on the plan.

Motion was made by Rick to come out of Public Hearing, seconded by Mike B. - unanimous

Motion was made by Rick to renew the Excavation Permit of David and Judy Whitcher, seconded by Mike B. – unanimous

Lot Line Adjustment

- a. Robin Roystan and Dennis LaBonte – Map 410 Lots 51 and 51.1

Motion was made by Rick to accept the application, seconded by Melissa - unanimous

Motion was made by Rick to go in to Public Hearing at 8:02pm for the purpose of hearing the application of Robin Roystan and Dennis LaBonte, Map 410 Lots 51 and 51.1, seconded by Mike F. – unanimous

Harry Burgess is here to present plans for Robin and Dennis. Would like to transfer 7+/- acres from Robin's lot to Dennis's existing home lot. Mike F. asked if this affects Robin's proposed gravel pit. The clerk presented the Board with a copy of Harry's plan blown up to show where the gravel pit lies in relation to the proposed new lines. Everett Henson asked if this land has already been transfer because he heard that Dennis bought land from Robin last week. Robin clarified that it was not the land that is being presented to the Board for Lot Line Adjustment, but a couple of other lots.

Motion was made by Rick to come out of Public Hearing, seconded by Mike B. - unanimous

Motion was made by Mike F. to approve the application for Lot Line Adjustment or Robin Roystan and Dennis LaBonte, Map 410 Lots 51 and 51.1, seconded by Melissa - unanimous

6. **New Business**

- a. Oldcastle/Whitcomb – Grandfathered Status
b. Boutilier – Need to set bond amount
c. Horne – Need to set bond amount

Motion was made by Mike B. to table items a, b, and c until next month, seconded by Rick - unanimous

- d. Haynes – Cease and Desist Letter

The clerk did check with Gary Wood to make sure that prior correspondence with Mr. Haynes laid sufficient grounds for sending a cease and desist letter. Motion was made by Mike F. to send a cease and desist letter to Mr. Haynes, seconded by Mike B. – unanimous

The clerk will have Gary Wood review the letter prior to sending it to Mr. Haynes.

- e. Recommendation to Selectboard – Re: Armory
The general agreement of the Board is that this building could have many uses for the Town of Haverhill, and that the Town should buy it. Rick had a letter that expressed, and summed up the feelings of the Planning Board. Each Board Member signed this letter, and Rick will bring it to the Selectboard.
- f. Rick distributed copies of some proposed changes to the Planning Boards Rules and Procedure. The clerk will copy these and the current Rules and Procedures to put in the Board Members' boxes. This will go on the November Agenda to consider the changes.

7. **Pending Business**

NCC will come to November meeting –Re: water resources regulations. Tara Bamford asked the clerk to have the Board think about what they would like to dedicate this money to specifically in Haverhill.

Training with NCC – The Board feels that they are going to have busy meetings for the next few months and would prefer to do training on the first Tuesday of December or January. The clerk will contact Carole Bont about changing the date of training.

8. **Correspondence/Communications**

The Board was made aware of NCC Regional Training opportunities on October 27th and 29th.

9. **Comments of the Clerk and Planning Board Members**

Clerk reminded the Board that multiple discussions can't occur at the table or in the audience because it makes it difficult to keep accurate minutes. Don will try to make sure that Don let the Board know about the OEP Training from this past weekend.

10. **Adjournment/Next Regular Meeting**

Motion was made by Mike B. to adjourn at 9:25p.m., seconded by Melissa – unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnn Nystrom, Planning Board Clerk