

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
PLANNING BOARD
June 6, 2011
MINUTES**

Members present: Doug Read, Kim Robichaud, Geoff Ziminsky, Dick Maher, Wayne Crowley, Glen Brown, Fran LaBranche and Mike Murphy. Also present: Dave Jeffers, LRPC.

Minutes: Doug Read moved, seconded by Dick Maher to accept the minutes of May 2, 2011 as read. Motion passed. Glen Brown moved, seconded by Dick Maher to accept the minutes of May 9, 2011 as read. Motion passed.

James & Renee Bickford: Application for a minor site plan review to allow a small home business on 3.74 acres at 96 Caveney Drive (Tax Map U9 Lot 20-1) in the R1 zone. Mr. Bickford withdrew his application due to a change in plans. No action required by the Planning Board.

Excavation Ordinance and related forms - review and update: Dave Jeffers distributed an updated revised version of the Excavation Ordinance and related forms as per comments and suggestions from the Board at the May 2, 2011 meeting. The process of making an application for an excavation permit will be as follows:

1. Submit the application with abutters' list and \$50 fee.
2. Submit plan including reclamation and number of years planned for operation.
3. \$500 for approved permit with no expiration date.
4. Submit a security bond equal to \$5,500/acre to the town. This amount can be adjusted at time of annual report or at a compliance hearing.
5. Submit annual report to the town – do not have to apply or attend the Planning Board meeting.
6. Report to the state every 5 years.
7. Submit annual report for excavation tax
8. No more than 5 acres can be “open” at any time.....must reclaim before opening additional area. The definition of “open” was questioned whether it was just cleared or material being removed.
9. If there appears to be any problem the Planning Board can require a compliance hearing.

The boundaries of the proposed “open” area are to be indicated on the plan but not physically delineated on the ground. Requirements for reclamation including planting are included in the regulations.

Members discussed the abandonment of a pit as the ordinance states that it is abandoned if there is no activity in 2 years. Would the area need to be reclaimed if there is no activity in 2 years due to the economy, even though the intentions are to keep the pit open. The wording is such that if the applicant removes even a small amount of material within the two year period it will keep the operation current.

If the new regulations are approved by the Board then the existing 4 operations will be required to submit annual reports. A letter will be sent to FAL, Cormier, Pike and Partridge informing them of the new regulations and a copy of the annual report form.

Glen Brown moved, seconded by Wayne Crowley to hold a public hearing July 11, 2011 at 7 pm to discuss the adoption of the revised Excavation Regulations and related forms and applications. Motion passed.

Other:

- LRPC Annual meeting June 27.
- Master Plan workshop scheduled for June 13, 2011 at 7 pm. The original survey and Master Plan have been made available in digital form.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza Conde, Secretary

Minutes approved 07-11-2011