

**SWANZEY PLANNING BOARD MINUTES  
OCTOBER 28, 2010**

Note: Minutes are not final until reviewed and approved by the Board. Review and approval of minutes generally takes place at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

The regular meeting of the Swanzeay Planning Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Glenn Page. Members present: Glenn Page, Scott Self, June Fuerderer, Joe Smith, Jeff Goller, Jeanne Thieme and Selectmen's Representative Bruce Tatro. Town Planner Sara Carbonneau was also present. The agenda for the evening's meeting was read and the following matters were addressed:

**Regional Impact:** There were no items on tonight's agenda that required a determination of regional impact.

**A. DISCUSSIONS/OTHER BUSINESS -**

**1. Excavation Permit** - Renewal/change of name on excavation permit for Tax Map 86, Lot 1 (Mitchell Sand & Gravel, LLC). Rob Hitchcock from SVE Associates on behalf of Mitchell Sand & Gravel, LLC reviewed the status of excavation on the site. Rob Snedeker and Rob Mitchell, were also present on behalf of Mitchell Sand & Gravel.

Hitchcock stated that Mitchell has yet to receive updated approval from NH-DES regarding the Alteration of Terrain Permit (this permit is due for extension in November 2010). In addition, the current Excavation Permit issued by the Town of Swanzeay expires on November 1, 2010.

Approximately 20 residents from the Westport Village Road area were present. They strongly voiced their concerns about the amount of noise coming from the site, which they feel has been increasing. Mary Ryan expressed concern about a blast that occurred around 3:35 p.m. today, noting that her house shook. Theresa Diluzio stated that she, too, heard the blast on Cobble Hill Road. Carol & Clyde Keene expressed dissatisfaction that the noise level has increase significantly over the past 5 to 6 weeks, noting that the noise is much louder than it was before.

Comments from the public included the following:  
Mary Ryan - sounds like a mining quarry.

Ron Savard - questioned whether the monitoring wells were still being tested. Hitchcock stated that they were not, as DES has closed the file. Carol Keene - increasing noise over the past 5-6 weeks. Clyde Keene - prevailing winds from the pit carries the noise.

Comment was made that a blast occurred about 3:30 this afternoon, that shook the entire neighborhood. Carol Keene stated that her house "rumbled." Snedeker stated that 2 or 3 blasts have occurred since Mitchell began operating the pit. Snedeker also noted that blasts occurred during P&H's ownership and operation of the pit. Tatro suggested that seismic readings be obtained to see if there was any difference between the blasts. Snedeker suggested that since the blast occurred in the fall, with leaves being off of the trees, that maybe the perceived impact may be greater. Pam O'Connor suggested that if the residents could be apprised of when a blast was to occur, that it might alleviate some of the concerns about "what may have happened."

Snedeker stated that the pit is operating under the terms and conditions of the existing permit. He noted that a jack-hammer attachment to an excavator is currently being used to break up large pieces that were left by the prior property owner. He acknowledged that this sound can be annoying, but would be of limited duration.

Board members confirmed that the location of the crusher and the jack-hammer attachment on the excavator were located in Winchester.

Motion by Self to continue consideration of the permit renewal to November 11, 2010, with the request that the Board be provided seismic data for some of the prior blasts conducted during the ownership/operation by P&H Sand & Gravel and that Mitchell Sand & Gravel, LLC be permitted to operate through November 11, 2010. Seconded by Fuerderer. Vote: All in favor.

**2. Discussion** re Notification of Determination of Regional Impact for property shown at Winchester Tax Map 15, Lot 51 for a "hot mix plant." Page stated that this was not a public hearing and that comments and questions would not be entertained by the Board. Board members discussed the notice and supporting materials provided by the Town of Winchester. Selectmen's representative Tatro indicated that he had attended some of the earlier meetings held in Winchester regarding this project. Tatro noted that his attendance was as a private citizen, not as a representative of Swanzey. Self stated that it appears that a primary issue raised by concerned citizens is any possible negative impact on the aquifer and possible air pollution. Board members noted that air quality standards, as well as secondary containment for the materials, would need to meet all State and Federal regulations. Tatro requested that Hitchcock provide a map of the proposed project with the underlying aquifer shown. Hitchcock stated that he would do so.

Motion by Fuerderer to appoint Tatro to represent the Planning Board at the Winchester public hearings on the hot mix plant. Seconded by Smith. Vote: All in favor.

**3. Discussion** regarding Village Business District zoning was deferred to November 11, 2010.

**4. Minutes** from October 14, 2010. Motion by Fuerderer to approve the minutes of October 14, 2010 as submitted. Seconded by Thieme. Vote: All in favor.

**5. Hilltop Pizza** - Carbonneau discussed with the Board the desire of Hilltop Pizza (approved to operate at Tax Map 34, Lot 32) to make improvements to the property. Carbonneau stated that Hilltop would like to construct a deck over the existing concrete apron/patio in front of the building and would like to have inside entertainment on occasion. Board members felt that neither request would require a public hearing, but asked that the request be put in writing.

Motion by Tatro to adjourn. Seconded by Goller. Vote: All in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Donna Munson  
Recording Secretary