

# **Town of Windsor Planning Board**

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**Meeting of July 30, 2014**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Windsor Planning Board was called to order at 7:35pm by Chair Shelly Johnson Bennett. Also present from the board were Carl Gordon, Eve Neureuter, Doug Saunders, Fran Stone, Bridgette Elliott VanNorman and Secretary Bruce Cameron. Also in attendance was Code Enforcement Officer Dave Brown.

On the motion of Mrs. VanNorman, seconded by Mr. Stone, the board approved the minutes of its May 28 meeting as presented.

Chair Bennett reported the board had three mining applications to DEC to consider. The Myers Bluestone Quarry near Sky Lake would expand an existing quarry of 13.6 acres to 48 acres. Operation would be Monday through Saturday from 5am until 4pm with onsite blasting and crushing of up to 150 tons of stone an hour. The applicant, Robert Coughlin of P.O. Box 688, Binghamton, NY, 13905, estimated there would be up to 15 vehicle trips per hour for up to nine hours a day on town roads. Planning Board members expressed concern about the noise of operation, the impact of vehicular traffic on the town roads as well as safety during the hours school buses would also be on these roads. On the motion of Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mrs. VanNorman, the board unanimously decided to advise the applicant, DEC, Town Board and Town Highway Superintendent of its concerns about:

- Compliance with Section 68 of the Town Code pertaining to Noise Control (LL #4-2010);
- The impact of truck travel on town roads and the Highway Superintendent should consider a bond for potential damage;
- The applicant's plan to mitigate the deposit and tracking of stone and dust on town roads (as prohibited by Section 43 of our Town Code [LL #3-2009]); and
- Due to the curvy and narrow unimproved roads, stone hauling should be limited from 6 to 9am and 2:30 to 5pm when school buses are running.

James Colpitts of 130 East Windsor Road has applied to DEC for a topsoil mine off McNair Road in which he intends to excavate two-foot of topsoil off a 2.9 acre parcel which would not be visible from Route 79 or State Line Road. He estimated he would be removing one truckload of topsoil per hour of operation—8am to 5pm. On the motion of Mrs. Neureuter, seconded by Mr. Stone to board unanimously decided to advise the applicant, DEC and Town Board that there should be a plan to mitigate the deposit and tracking of stone and dust on town roads (as prohibited by Section 43 of our Town Code [LL #3-2009]).

Charles Capasso, of 2 Trap Rock Circle, New City NY 10956, has completed his application to DEC to expand a bluestone quarry at 272 Williams Road from one acre to 15 acres on an 84.8 acre parcel owned by the applicant. He indicated there would be occasional blasting. The board again indicated its concerns regarding:

- Compliance with Section 68 of the Town Code pertaining to Noise Control (LL #4-2010);
- The impact of truck travel on town roads and the Highway Superintendent should consider a bond for potential damage;
- The applicant's plan to mitigate the deposit and tracking of stone and dust on town roads (as prohibited by Section 43 of our Town Code [LL #3-2009]); and
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Chair Bennett read a letter from the Constitution Pipeline stating it is not affiliated with the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. and will not share information with it concerning its proposed pipeline which would, in effect, parallel the Constitution Pipeline.

In response to a question, Code Enforcement Officer Brown reported the proposed Local Manufactured/Mobile Home Park Law is "back on my plate" and portions will be incorporated in the town's Zoning and Building Codes.

Mr. Brown also read a letter from Town Attorney Cheryl Sacco that site plan reviews must consider architectural features when evaluating applications. He added that he is expecting a retail proposal for the west side of North Road opposite the McDonalds.

On the motion of Mrs. VanNorman, seconded by Mr. Gordon, the board adjourned at 9:27pm. Its next meeting will be Wednesday, August 27, at 7:30pm in the Town Hall,

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Cameron, secretary