

Gilsum Planning Board Draft Minutes
06/08/23, 7pm, Gilsum Town Library

Present: Vicki Ayer, Brian Bazarnicki (chair), Heidi Bukoski, Tom Julius (notetaker), Sally Struble, Carol Ogilvie (Alternate)

Presenters:

Granite Engineering: Brenton Cole, Jeffrey Merritt
Gordon Gravel: Cody & Cooper Gordon

Audience: Kris Keith

I. Heidi Bukoski moved to accept the minutes of 05/23/23. Vicki Ayer seconded.
After discussion passed unanimously.

II. Gordon Gravel & Granite Engineering presentation

A. Brenton Cole, Granite Engineering, presented modifications based on the 5/2/23 meeting and AOT Permit Application to NHDES #230302-048. 1.

Selective cutting was conducted outside the area of the gravel excavation for timber harvesting. Remaining stumps will mitigate erosion from that slope. State forestry approved the timber harvesting plan.

2. There is a turf establishment plan for the gravel pit. Site is self mitigating for capture of eroded materials.

III. Discussed planning board possible conditions to be added to the permit: A.
Baseline water testing

i. Granite Engineering updated list of abutters for well monitoring. ii. Reviewed groundwater monitoring plan and notification of property owners.

iii. Flow rate testing is not required by state regulations. There are no established testing protocols for flow rate testing. No flow rate testing will be done.

B. All properties within 2000 feet of the blasting site, as submitted to DES, to be tested following the proposed sampling schedule in the groundwater monitoring plan.

i. The list was reviewed for any missing properties, confirmed that the list is complete according to town records.

C. Any well quality impacted by blasting will be remediated or replaced.

i. Groundwater monitoring plan addresses this concern.

D. A form of fiscal assurance be established of sufficient amount for the remediation or replacement of any wells that are compromised.

i. Capital Rock blasting company has insurance for remediation of wells.

ii. A reclamation bond is a separate matter. Gordon Gravel will establish a \$62,500 bond for reclamation of the site.

E. Road signage to be placed and abutters to be notified prior to blasting.

i. Capital Rock will follow all Department of Transportation blasting regulations for signage, warning, and closing of the highway for blasting.

F. Provide a copy of the Department of Transportation Driveway Permit.

i. Permit is grandfathered from prior pit.

G. Hours of equipment operation for blasting, excavating, processing, and removal of excavated materials not to exceed 7am to 5pm, Monday Friday.

i. In addition, Gordon Gravel may take pre-processed materials Saturdays 7am-12pm and under emergency situations as they arise.

H. Progress Reports

i. Certified EPA personnel will monitor the site on an ongoing basis. ii. Gordon Gravel will provide a 5 year progress report to DES and to the Town of Gilsum. If DES finds a violation the town will be notified.

IV. Tom Julius moved to approve the excavation permit for Gordon Gravel conditional upon approvals by the Department of Environmental Services and all conditions as described above in items III. A-H. Vicki Ayer seconded. Heidi Bukoski recused herself. After discussion, it was approved unanimously.

V. Heidi Bukoski rejoined the meeting.

VI. Discussed that the town permitting process timeline requires Gordon Gravel permit reapplication in three years.

VII. Sally Struble moved for Brian Bazarnicki to continue as chair until such time as Bill Whyte is able to return to the board.

VIII. Next meeting July 13. Agenda items include: 1) reviewing the approval procedure for an accessory dwelling unit, 2) steep slope and solar energy ordinances, and 3) any other matters that arise.

To do

- Vicki will provide board members with solar ordinance materials.
- Carole will provide board members with steep slope ordinance materials
- Sally will contact Bruce Murphy about attending the July 13 meeting.

IV. Tom Julius moved to adjourn. Brina seconded. Meeting adjourned unanimously at 9:15pm.

Minutes submitted by Tom Julious
Planning Board Approval

Brian Bazarniki

Carol Ogilvie

Heidi Bukowski

Tom Julious

Vicki Ayer