

**Town of Andover**  
**Planning and Zoning Commission**

Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Town Hall Community Room at 17 School Road, Andover, CT

Meeting Minutes for Regular Meeting and continuation of Public Hearing

1. Call to Order

Chair Eric Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

2. Roll Call / Seat Alternates

Chair Eric Anderson, Robert Hamburger, Leigh Ann Hutchinson, Mike Palazzi, Scott Person

Alternate Present: Jed Larson

Alternate Absent: Town Engineer Gerry Hardisty (John Valente speaking on his behalf)

Applicants Present: William Genovese, Joe Genovese and son Brendan, P.E. Chris Bell.

Consulting Herpetologist: Hank Gruner

Others Present: Dianne Grenier, Katherine Hutchinson

Town Attorney: Mark Branse

3. Additions / Changes to Agenda

None.

4. Public Participation

None.

5. Old Business

- a. Public Hearing: Application from William Genovese for a gravel operation on Route 6 at Map 33/Block 36/Lot 23 property east of abutter at 497 Route 6, and 497 Route 6 property of William Genovese.

**Re-Open and Continue Public Hearing**

Chair Eric Anderson re-opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 P.M.

Zoning Agent John Valente confirmed the application is substantially complete.

Eric Anderson clarified that the commission has received the following documents:

- Summary Ruling for Permit Granted and Approval Letter from the Inlands Wetlands and Watercourses Commission.
- Approval Letter from the Department of Transportation.

- Report from the Town Engineer Gerry Hardisty.
- Report from Town Consulting Herpetologist Hank Gruner.
- Two requests for a waiver.
- Report from the from the Town Sanitarian Glenn H. Bagdoian R.S.

P.E. Chris Bell presented property map and fully described all details shown and listed.

P.E. Chris Bell reviewed the Application Checklist, announcing applicable documents provided. Listed below are the ones with notes of question or concern:

6. Copies of any required applications to other local, state or federal regulatory approvals:

Due to delay in receiving a response or letter of approval from the DEEP, the applicant had hired the Town's Consulting Herpetologist Hank Gruner to review and approve the endangered species situation.

21. Traffic Impact Report (special permit application):

DOT does not anticipate any impact from the project.

47. Existing and proposed signs with dimensions, method of illumination, and construction detail drawings, shown on plan:

Truck entering.

51. Table on plan of parking / loading spaces required / provided:

Machine parking.

38. Soil test locations and soil test results shown on plan.

Announced the test did not hit ground water. Zoning Agent John Valente verbally shared material results from soil testing done.

41. Underground / overhead utilities, existing and proposed:

Eric Anderson addressed importance of safety traveling under roadside utility lines whilst operating machinery.

Reviewed the report from Sanitarian Glenn H. Bagdoian R.S. with no concerns addressed.

Reviewed the report from Town Engineer Gerry Hardisty with no concerns addressed.

Reviewed the Conservation Recommendations from Town's Consulting Herpetologist Hank Gruner with all major concerns addressed.

Reviewed the Memorandum from Town Engineer Gerry Hardisty with no concerns addressed, except access to be approved by the DOT.

Town's Consulting Herpetologist Hank Gruner presented recommendations from full report:

Addressed concerns for the following endangered species: hog nosed snake and wood turtle. A large reproductive biological concern is the loss of individual turtles. Installment of silt fencing is to achieve goal of limiting opportunity for turtles to travel onto the site to nest or other harmful impacts. To deter turtles from traveling along the installed silt fencing towards Route 6, the project will add additional loops in the fencing to redirect them. Suggestion is if a worker sees a turtle, to simply move it out of the extraction area. Potential

enhancement during the post extraction phase since there is a potential habitat left behind for the turtles who will search for recently disturbed areas to nest.

Any future project that changes or removes habitat will have to be applied for through IWWC and P&ZC. Discussed potential of future hard-scape applications for a commercial property.

Hank Gruner will conduct a walk-through inside the silt fencing during nesting season to determine if there are any species currently inside.

Chair Eric Anderson opened forum to have commission members ask questions:

Scott Person inquired about removal of stumps and brush currently on site. Owner has grinder on site and will either remove the wood chips or use for mulching around the fencing and other areas.

Katherine Hutchinson expressed her concerns of level spreader sending the water flow onto her property. John Valente shared that the previous plans had the level spreader aiming directly towards her property and the applicants have redirected the level spreader northwest. Applicants will relocate the level spreader to be outside of the 50ft buffer and the fencing will remain up inside of the 50ft buffer zone until the extraction is over.

Chair Eric Anderson inquired on the future plans for the use of the property. Kindly asked that the plantings are placed far enough back from the state's right of way for a potential sidewalk or for a 6ft wide multi-use path going to and from Lake Road to the XtraMart gas station. Applicants agreed to do plantings at least 15ft back from the state line.

Applicants agreed to call the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation to install 'No Parking' signs on the roadside for during the extraction.

Chair Eric Anderson expressed appreciation from the commission for the applicant being extremely cooperative and detail oriented during the application process and respecting the town's Hop River and surrounding habitat.

Zoning Agent John Valente proposed a Special Meeting on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 P.M. for approval of the proposed gravel operation.

Mike Palazzi MOVED for the Planning and Zoning Commission to host a Special Meeting on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Community Room to approve the proposed gravel operation.

Scott Person SECONDED

MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0

### **Re-Open Regular Meeting**

Chair Eric Anderson re-opened the Regular Meeting at 9:51 P.M.

### **6. New Business**

None.

7. Public Participation

None.

8. Commission Open Discussion

None.

9. Administrative Report from Zoning Agent

None.

10. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Approval of April 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting & Public Hearing Minutes

Postponed.

- b. Approval of April 29<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes

Postponed.

11. Adjournment

Robert Hamburger MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 P.M.

Leigh Ann Hutchinson SECONDED

MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0

Meeting Minutes helpfully submitted by Board Clerk, Amanda Gibson.

*Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for the approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.*