

June 6, 2016

Minutes

HUBBARDSTON PLANNING BOARD
Slade Building



Meeting called to order at 6:33pm by Vincent Ritchie, Chair
Other members present: Thomas Bratko, Kendall Daly, and Tom Robinson
Selectboard members present: Daniel Galante, Michael Stauder, Patrick Girouard
and Interim Town Administrator, Raeanne Siegel
Staff: Janet Baczewski

No prior meeting minutes were reviewed.

No correspondence was reviewed.

There was a discussion of the importation of soils project intended by Norman Brown on Pitcherville Road, lead by Tom Bratko, Planning Board Clerk. He reviewed the timeline by referencing numerous emails concerning the project from inception on Sept. 15, 2015. There was an email by former town administrator, Anita Scheipers (former town administrator), inviting Norman Brown before the Selectboard. On October 28, 2015, the Selectboard met with Mr. Brown and his engineer at the Pitcherville Road site. On Dec. 13, 2015, Mr Brown sent an email to Anita stating that he met with Conservation Committee and that they approved the project. Tom Bratko found no documentation in the Conservation Committee agendas, or recorded minutes to back up that statement.

On Jan. 3, 2016, there was an email from Rob Pelzarski, a member of Mr. Brown's proposed project team, indicating that they were very close to entering an agreement with the Marinelli's for use of their pit for his project, as well. This indicates approximately 5 million yards of imported soils projected to be imported into town. On Jan. 6, 2016, the Planning Board met with Mr. Brown at which time he indicated that his intended soil importation project would be a gravel pit reclamation project, and he also indicated that he did not know how many yards the project would entail. He also stated that former Town Administrator, Anita Scheipers, had approached him initially regarding such a soil importation project. On Jan. 11, 2016, Norman Brown met with Pitcherville Road property abutters to discuss his project proposal, under invitation from Ms. Scheipers.

On March 6, 2016, a soils management plan with information pertaining to Mr. Brown's intended project was submitted to the Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection for consideration under their Comm-15-01 Projects Policy.

Chairman Vin Ritchie stated that any gravel removal or reclamation project would fall under the Planning Board's jurisdiction under town's General By Laws. On March 15, 2016, Atty Doneski, made a decision ruling that reiterated this fact.

Tom Bratko summarized that the Planning Board and the Selectboard, at that time, did not know that the soils management plan (300+ pages) had been submitted to the DEP. However, the town administrator at that time was aware of the entire project submittal.

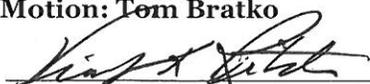
In conclusion, members of the Selectboard that were present at this meeting agreed to put on their agenda for June 13, 2016 a discussion not to allow discussions between Mr. Brown's attorney and Hubbardston town counsel, unless the town is in direct negotiations with Mr. Brown concerning his intended project.

8:54pm Motion to adjourn was presented.

Motion: Tom Bratko

Second: Tom Robinson

All in favor.



Approved with Corrections, Vincent Ritchie, Chair

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Date