

Place: Torrent Hall, Safety Complex

Call to Order: 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Ernest Creveling, Community Development Director; Kevin Pratt, Fire Chief, Richard Mailhot, Code Enforcement Officer; Dennis McCarthy, Public Works Director

Also present: Robert Price, Planning Technician; Bette Patterson, Administrative Assistant; and Eric Weinrieb, Engineering Review Consultant

Public Hearings

An application for an Amended Excavation Plan has been submitted by Thibeault Sand & Gravel, LLC, on land known as Nashua River Land Corporation, to amend their Excavation Permit to add a quarrying operation. The properties are shown on Raymond Tax Map 32, Lot 43; Map 32, Lot 68; Map 37, Lot 2; and Map 38, Lots 12 and 13; accessed via NH State Route 27.

Vinnie Iacozzi(sp), representing Thibeault/Nashua River Corporation, Brent Tardiff of Continental Placer, Henry Phillips and George Chadwick of Eric Mitchell and Associates presented the proposed plan to the TRC.

George Chadwick reviewed the following items on the plan:

- The quarry operation would use the existing permitted gravel pit access off Route 27 and also use the bridge to access the quarry.
- Quarry area is located southeast of the existing permitted area.
- Phasing is shown on the plan.
- Rock will be processed in the quarry.
- The site is zoned Industrial and future plans include developing this site for industrial use.
- Trees will be planted on the quarry benches.
- The area is within the 100 year flood plain and aquifer, however, no activity is taking places in these specific areas.
- A fueling site is identified on the plan.
- Part of the earth excavation approval included a book containing the conditions and standards for safety. Once the quarry operation is approved, all of those conditions and standards would be added to the original set.
- Quarry operation hours would be from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and all rock processing would stop at 6:00 p.m. This is in accordance with the Town of Raymond rules.
- The quarry would operate five days a week. No Saturdays or Sundays.

Brent Tardiff of Continental Placer stated the quarry will be excavated starting at the lower elevations. Trees and soil would be removed then the drilling and blasting would be done. All blasting will be done in accordance with the mine safety regulations which are similar to OSHA. Large boulders, evenly spaced, will be placed along the edge of the exposed rock face.

There was a great deal of concern expressed by members of the TRC and abutters regarding protection along the rock face. It was agreed there needs to be a definitive barrier that would warn anyone walking or using a motorized recreational vehicle that a severe drop off exists.

Vinnie Iacozzi(sp) of Thibeault Corporation stated that wherever there is a public safety issue, we would consider fencing. He also stated that there are several areas on the property that have old trails. These trails would be closed.

The TRC agreed that traffic and use of the bridge would be issues that need to be addressed.

George Chadwick stated that the traffic is being addressed with DOT.

Vinnie Iacozzi(sp) stated that the bridge will be certified by the original builders of that structure.

Public Works Director McCarthy stated that the Town should have Jamie Emery check on the use of Anfo for the blasting.

Eric Weinrieb was concerned that the drilling and blasting could affect area wells and he recommended that a hydro-geological study be done.

Brent Tardiff stated that they have avoided the wetlands as much as possible. He stated that there would be a survey of all abutting wells to establish a base line and if damage was done, wells would be replaced if needed.

Eric Weinrieb asked how much overburden there was.

Brent Tardiff replied that the gravel pit is closer to the river. There is only a thin layer of overburden. The life of this operation is approximately 40 years. The intent is to locate an industrial park or use on the site when the quarry operation is completed. Mr. Tardiff described the process for removal of the bedrock.

Abutter comments:

Paul Greenaway asked why this meeting was held at 9 a.m. when most people work.

Code Enforcement Officer Mailhot explained the Tech review process and the TRC assured all the abutters that the proposal will go to the full Planning Board for a decision. The TRC only reviews the plan on a technical basis.

Don Hegland – Stated that he has lived in his house since 1998 and the circle was developed after they moved in. A couple of years ago Cole had an accident with blasting and it effected his home with a number of cracks in the sheetrock and damaged windows.

His concern was that accidents happen and it will affect him not matter what caution is taken.

Jessica Hurtle stated her concern that she has horses and the noise from the blasting would startle them. She is also concerned that if any of her horses gets loose they could fall off a cliff. She asked how often they would be blasting.

Mr. Tardiff replied that blasting would be done five days a week. Vinnie Iacozzi(sp) stated that blasting only is done two or three time a month on a 10 month basis.

Mrs. Gardner stated the noise will be terrible. The homes will be devalued and our quality of life will be affected.

Kevin Joy asked how this will benefit the community.

Code Enforcement Officer Mailhot stated that is for the Planning Board to have the applicant answer that question.

Chris Mozina stated the river is right beside the quarry. It's inevitable that you will have pollution. He asked how much thought has been put into protecting the environment.

Public Works Director McCarthy stated that is why our engineer is here. The Planning Board can put conditions on the permit that would protect the environment.

Mr. Goddard stated that the land does slope down and asked if a barrier would be installed.

George Chadwick stated the quarry has been designed to keep all water from discharging into the river.

Mr. Goddard stated his concerns about the dust as well as the vehicles going in and out of the site.

George Chadwick stated there will be a set amount of trucks as allowed by DOT.

Sandy Goddard stated her concerns about truck idling and causing pollution.

Mrs. Gardner asked what access route they would be using.

Mr. Chadwick replied that the only access would be on Route 27.

Janice Hegland was concerned with wildlife displacement.

Mr. Chadwick stated that they would look into that.

Mel Leavitt stated we kind of live in a hole and he is very concerned with the blasting.

Community Development Director Creveling reviewed items discussed:

- Fencing top of slope
- Traffic management
- Driveway access and rights of way issues.
- Bridge integrity.
- Hydro-geological Study
- Base line survey
- Sedimentation and erosion control.
- Employee facilities
- Wildlife management
- Value of surrounding homes.

MOTION: Code Enforcement Officer Mailhot made a motion to continue this meeting to Thursday, April 26th at Raymond High School in the dining area beginning at 5:00 p.m. Public Works Director McCarthy seconded. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Lamprey Falls Conservation Subdivision - Continued from 3/06/07 – An application for an 11-lot Conservation Subdivision known as “Lamprey Falls” has been submitted by REI Development Company, LLC. The property is shown on Raymond Tax Map 44, Lot 13, Critchett Road.

Richard Ladd of RSL Layout & Design presented three versions of a yield plan. Two of the plans show an 850 foot road length in different configurations. The third yield plan is for 10 lots as well, however the road length is 1,030 feet and a waiver would be required. Plan number three shows the best configuration of the cul-de-sac because it eliminates the need for several driveway cuts. The road is proposed to be public.

Allan Clark of REI reviewed each of the conservation subdivision criteria with the TRC. A copy of this document is on file in the Planning Board office and available for inspection during regular office hours.

The following was recommended by the TRC committee:

- Access easement – Recreation area should be built or seed money provided for the home owner’s association to use.
- Easement needed for future widening of road.
- New waiver request needed.

MOTION: Code Enforcement Officer Mailhot made a motion to forward this plan to the Planning Board meeting of April 5, 2007 for the sole consideration of the waiver request for the road length and review of the yield plan. Public Works Director McCarthy seconded. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Bohle Way Conservation Subdivision - Continued from 3/06/07 - An application for a 12-unit Conservation Subdivision known as “Bohle Way” has been submitted by James Gregoire. The property is shown on Raymond Tax Map 23, Lot 4; Batchelder Road.

Erik Saari, James Gregoire and Aaron Hoezel met with the TRC for review of the plan.

Mr. Saari presented the plan showing the pond redesign. The applicant wants to apply for a variance to construct a conservation subdivision on a private road. The road has to remain private because they are unable to obtain the easements rights to cross over the access way for a public road.

Code Enforcement Officer Mailhot stated that by the applicant’s own admission, that they cannot do a public road because they are unable to attain the easement rights, it means that they do not have a yield plan and the property is unable to be subdivided. He recommended that they apply to the ZBA for a variance and show the easement problem as a hardship.

Mr. Gregoire stated he would take that recommendation into consideration and thanked the TRC for their input.

Adjournment

MOTION: Fire Chief Pratt made a motion to adjourn. Code Enforcement Officer Mailhot seconded. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:00 NOON.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Patterson
Administrative Assistant