

TOWN OF WASHINGTON

Planning Board Summary

February 9, 2021

Attendance: Mitch Garnett (Chair), Steve Ocean, Corey Fortin (CEO Assist.), Jesse Casas

Zoom: Deb Dean, Sarah Collins

Absent: Bob Temple, Kate Grinnell (Alt.)

Public: Kenneth Mills, Nancy Kilton-Mills

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Mitch Garnett motions to approve summary from January 26, Jesse Casas 2nd. All in favor, none opposed
January 26th summary approved.

Ken and Nancy Mills, Gravel Pit Pre Application;

The Mills currently own property (map 12, Lot 33) that had previously been a gravel pit and they have interest in returning it to an active mine. The pit has not been utilized in over 5 years and would require a full review as if it were a new mine. The Planning Board reviewed every possible way to avoid the large expense to the landowners, unfortunately this project did not meet any of the possible criteria. It has been inactive too long for a transfer and the products from the mine would be used to generate income, disqualifying it from avoiding the full site review. Several surrounding properties to the proposed site are also active mines.

The Mills Pit would consist of 5 acres of active mine and the revenue would be used to offset the repairs to their historic residence (Billings Farm). The applicants stated that the expenses involved in a full review would pose an obstacle to the project. Town ordinance states that a site plan must be prepared by a Maine State registered engineer and a professional surveyor would be needed if for the requested acreage on a new project. The acreage could be scaled back to under 5 alleviating the need for the surveyor.

Jesse Casas also noted that Maine DEP needs to be contacted regarding the requirements of permitting. A copy of the latest permitted mine will be provided to the applicants for their review and to assist in the completion of their application.

Old Business;

The Hometown Towing Findings need to be signed by the Board members.

The Town attorney needs to be contacted regarding the decommissioning plan approvals from the last two solar projects.

Bob Temple needs to be contacted for the templates needed for findings and applications.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Hassanein