

CANDIA ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

MEETING MINUTES OF

January 24th, 2023

APPROVED

ZBA Members Present: Judith Szot, Chair; Boyd Chivers, Vice-Chair; Anthony Steinmetz, Ron Howe

ZBA Members Absent: Mark Raumikaitis

Chair Szot called the meeting to order at 7:00PM, followed immediately by the Pledge of Allegiance

Case #20-011:

Applicant: Granite Hill Materials & Recycling, LLC., 231 N.H. Route 27, Raymond, NH 03077; Owner(s): Believe Freetown, LLC., 231 N.H. Route 27, Raymond, NH 03077; Property Location: N.H. Route 27, Raymond, NH 03077; Map 407 Lot 66 & Map 407 Lot 71.

Intent: *to request an extension of the variance that was granted in 2021 to allow excavation for reclamation purposes in the residential zone.*

Christopher Berry, Engineer representing the applicant.

One year extension. Just cause is required. This is not a simple request. I will go through the permitting process that is required for this type of project. A project of this size requires an alteration of terrain permit. Formally, the alteration of terrain would coordinate. That methodology has changed.

As I pointed out in my submission to the board. We have been working with two groups. Threatened and endangered animal species. Gove Environmental. We have responded to them in a timely manner each time. As of the beginning of this year, they signed off on the project. Made good headway there. Under final review with Fish and Game.

The Fish and Game Bureau because of the new state law that regulates their bureau. They have had a number of requests, I am confident that we should be able to take care of.

T. Steinmetz: What animals?

C. Berry: Black Racer might live somewhere in the area. They have asked us not to use plastic.

The NHC were also concerned about two grass species on site.

B. Chivers: You have requested a one year extension. Do you feel confident that you will have these permits in that timeframe.

R. Howe: I remember this all coming here. Can you please give us an overview of what you plan on doing?

C. Berry: I refer to it as “the side of the moon. Somebody left it a mess. The applicants own a large parcel of land there and they would like to develop it at some point in the future.

R. Howe: Is this going to involve more blasting?

C. Berry: Yes.

R. Howe: There were some disastrous things that happened with the blasting there, in terms of the effects on the neighbors.

C. Berry: We have a plan in place. Necessary abutters and additional people who request notification will receive them.

B. Chivers: Is it still your intention to truck all of the material through Raymond?

B. Chivers: That granite meets the qualifications for highway construction.

J. Szot: So, the grass that you are talking about is called? They are recommending best management practices. Have you made plans to do that? You needed National Heritage Commission and Fish and Game.

C. Berry: The latest email I have from them, is from Melissa Winters is the reviewer. She has been out, and she is now back. Up until that point, they asked for photographs of Vernal Pool Studies.

B. Chivers: Your AOT Permit hinges on all of these things?

C. Berry: All of the engineering items requested by DOT were requested.

J. Szot: I guess I just don't understand why in two years, this couldn't have been done.

B. Chivers: Fish and Game have changed the way that they do things. Plagued with absences and lack of productivity.

C. Berry: I am not saying that there was not some delay. We tried to do it as expeditiously as possible.

J. Szot: I listened to the entire meeting from two years ago. You were upset. I found it curious that there is no earlier correspondence. It was starting to get better by the end of 2021. You were in such a hurry to get things done.

R. Howe: Can this be renewed again?

J. Szot: It is up to the board. It is just cause.

R. Howe: We could elect to allow another extension.

J. Szot: Are you fairly certain that this can be wrapped up?

B. Chivers: You should make it clear that the applicant has the right to be heard by five board members.

C. Berry: I think we are comfortable with this board.

Closed Public Hearing at 7:22.

B. Chivers: We granted this variance two years ago. They agreed to all of the conditions that we imposed. AOT Permit. There is nothing in the record to suggest that they were not diligent. I see where they got caught in a quagmire up in Concord. I can understand your frustration after two years of slugging it out.

B. Chivers: **Move** to extend the variance that was previously granted for an additional year.

R. Howe: **Second**.

All were in favor. **Motion passed**.

Review of the Minutes: B. Chivers: Good job. I **move** we approve. T. Steinmetz **Second**.

All were in favor. **Motion passed**.

Discuss a change in the process. Ad a schedule of fees for extension.

Motion to adjourn: B. Ron Second. Motion Passed.

7:34PM

Other Business:

- Review of Minutes
- Any other matter to comes before the Board.

Public Comments:

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Amy M. Spencer

Land Use Coordinator

cc: file