

**Town of Underhill  
Gravel Pit Task Force  
April 28, 2011**

The Task force met as a group for its first formal meeting; present were Dan Close, Dave Rogers, Mike Morin, Lea Van Winkle, Seth Freidman and Luana Nedrich We met from 7:00pm -8:30pm.

Mike Morin was appointed as Committee Chair person  
Lea Van Winkle volunteered as Secretary.

Priorities were discussed as to how best approach our task.

First to determine actual usage, how much we need for normal and emergency use and especially this year's usage.

1. NEED: to examine the usage over the past ten years.
  - a. How much was used?
  - b. What were labor and costs?
2. What does it take to run a gravel pit?
  - a. equipment necessary i.e. loader, separator, crusher, trucks, actual man power on site and off site.
  - b. Insurance
  - c. operational costs as a whole if a. is not all inclusive (for instance costs of maintaining and repairing trucks)
3. Property costs
  - a. acquisition of land (with a comparison for other neighboring towns and current property assessments for now active pits)
  - b. engineering and permitting costs (Act 250)
  - c. preparation of land for use of pit and developing of this land i.e. access road
  - d. Reclamation of land.

We split the task force into groups to try and gather as much of this information as possible prior to the next meeting.

Mike Morin had useful information regarding The Range and their gravel pit. Dan Close discussed a development in Cambridge he was involved in and removing the gravel from the site first, prior to selling lots and constructing homes, He will put together some of this information. Dave Rogers went over Act 250 information he found in the State Web site and will further investigate the costs of those projects from conception to use today. Lea Van Winkle discussed the ways of comparing values for purchase and use based on neighboring towns and current pits. Luanne (?) is looking into the current engineering on this site for clarification of what the actual test pits done at New Rd represent. Seth Freidman and Mike Morin will assist with investigating our current costs as a town for our use of gravel and sand over the past ten years.

We will meet again on May12th at 7:00pm

Mike Weisel moved to approve minutes and Seth Freidman seconded the motion.

Lea Van Winkle