

Meeting Minutes from 6/9/11

Walked the Alberteeni sight; saw test pit spots and noticed what looked to be a lot of gravel; everyone agreed it was a stunning spot; and thought we could see more than one old pit sight (from Caroline's field)

Seth suggested that Luana become moderator to help committee stay on task; all agreed it was a good idea.

Mike Antony from town of Hinesburg: guest speaker

- Budget 50K a year for gravel and sand
- McCulloch crushes;
 - 10,000 yards of 1" crushed gravel for 2 - 2 1/2 weeks for \$3.75 a yard
 - 5,000 yards of 9/16 winter sand for two weeks; screen only for \$2.45 a yard
 - They end up with 2,000 yards of tailings for free
- Pit bought in 1952, 36 acres, 15 acres are open, stock pile stumps there
- Can not sell material due to " non compete with local private enterprise"
- Use silage conveyer to mix salt into pile
- McCulloch brings loader, crusher and 2 men
- McCulloch is registered with mine safety
- Hinesburg has 32 miles of dirt and 26 in pavement
- Loader can work with pit 4 feet over head; they have an open face that McCulloch loader digs into
- Gets no sound complaints from neighbors; pit was built and existed before neighborhood; Hayden hill loader; noise travels up
- Constant back up alarm on loader by law; crusher is louder than sifter
- June and July best time to crush; dry
- No closure plan for their pit
- No headache to manage pit; checks contractor progress once a day
- Contractor tracks volume; 4 yards at a time in the loader bucket
- 10K yards cuts it close for volume if big rain event; if big event happens it comes out of this 10K; they do not crush more
- They do use bank run for road construction; no crushing cost
- If federal assistance \$ is available: buy retail; they do not pay well for your own material
- Should we house a loader on site and keep winter sand in pit; they do; but their office and yard is in the pit
- They use their pit to reprocess all old shoulder material; rents a screen for a week or two; also to crush old concrete from local contractors
- Used recycled asphalt on Texas hill; did not need to grade for 5 years
- They do still buy clean riprap
- Starksboro bought pit 10 years ago; it was an existing pit
- Mike lets subs (like bridge builder) use pit material

Mike's report on soil types in Underhill:

- handed out maps that showed the different soil types in Underhill
- Stetson (STA) can be a good gravel pit site; and there are a ton of those sites
- Felt that it is a huge task to start looking around; and may be a task for another entire committee
- It might make sense for the selectboard to " look into this issue"

Dave's report on Waitsfield pit:

- 77 acres for \$350,000
- Solid core sampling was done
- Potential 70,000 yards of material
- Stowe DRB ruled 7,500 yards per year w/ 1,000 for emergencies
- Potential 10-year life span; w/ audit every 3 years
- Will save 4,000 gallons of fuel

Next meetings agenda:

- Dave will look into Starksboro pit
- Mike W. will get us into the Hinesburg pit at crush time.
- Mike M. will set up Coles pit site visit
- Mike W. will contact Pat Lamphere for 6/23 @ 7PM
- Mike M. will contact Rod for 6/23 @ 7:30
- Seth will contact Brad for 6/23 @ 8:00
- Ask Brad at next meeting to put it out to the public
- Luana will start to compile our outline of recommendations for the selectboard
- Everyone should bring his or her list of recommendations to next meeting

Public discussion:

- Peter Seybolt was in attendance:
 - We should look at other spots like Lamphere's
 - Time limit on option should not be a factor for this committee
 - Noise will be and is a major factor to any pit
 - Dan Close said noise was an issue on Beartown

Minutes of June 6th 2011 Lea Van Winkle Moves to approve

Mike Weisel Seconds

All in favor