

# **Luana Nedich Personal Minority Report to the Underhill Gravel Pit Task Force Report**

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**I would like to say that I am honored to have served with such a great Task Force. We were a very diverse group but everyone was willing to contribute to the knowledge base of the group. Several members already had extensive gravel pit and road construction and repair experience. Many had a long history of living in the area that helped put many things into a correct context. As a relatively newcomer to the area I now feel much more connected to Underhill as a community.**

**Our group report is a compilation of points that we could agree to as a group. I would like to say that I personally now realize that gravel/sand is an important and expensive commodity for the Town of Underhill and that a Municipal gravel pit could make financial sense.**

**However, the proposed New Road Gravel Pit site that is the Albertini property is something that I do not think the Town should pursue. Cancel the Option which was signed in 2008 without Townspeople approval. Initial information pointed to the site having extensive gravel/sand. But additional money would have to be spent to confirm this. The Town under the direction of the Selectboard has already spent over \$37,000 that was not in any budget or approved by Townspeople. It has been determined that the money was spent from surplus highway funds that the Selectboard did not have authority to use. An additional \$4000+ has been paid for taxes on the property per the Option. The households that are within 1 mile of this site are substantial. This is a residential area that would be severely impacted if a 20-30 year gravel pit was nearby. Also the price of \$1Million plus development seems to me to be too much of a project for a town of 3000 with just a basic management structure.**

**I would hope that the Selectboard would pursue the recommendations of: (1) keeping the Townspeople fully informed of any negotiations involving a Town gravel pit, (2) consider other potential sites with gravel/sand, and (3) come up with accurate financial analysis of any future projects.**