



Canaan Planning Board

Minutes

Site Review Meeting on December 14, 2012

Call to Order

2:00 John Bergeron called the meeting to order. Members present: John Bergeron, Barbara Dolyak, Joe Frazier, Chuck Townsend and Steve Ward. Hosts: David Roby, property owner and Bill Wanner, property manager.

Site Review

The board met to view and discuss the reclamation of open pits on the Map 10 Lot 20 land off Clark Hill Road. David Roby, who purchased the 'Casperson' property, wants to return the land to a natural state. His property manager, Bill Wanner, led the board tour of the disturbed areas.

The first area visited was a bouldery gravel pit with rock outcroppings, waste piles of gravel and a topsoil pile. The board reviewed it with reference to a June 2007 Excavation Proposal prepared for the previous owner. Bill Wanner will write a letter to the board stating that he would largely follow that plan and describing the amendments he would make, including creating swales to direct runoff and sediment to a temporary pond. The plan would create a stable and more gentle slope with seeding that would provide for a natural cover to develop.

The second area visited was a steep sloped sand bank. David Roby suggested that the top of the bank should be broken to make the bank less steep. That together with moving materials from waste piles could make the slope stable. There is an existing pond below the pit, which would serve as a sedimentation station. David Roby will contact the NH Fish & Game Department for their review of the site in case this sandy environment near the Mascoma River should be specially managed for wildlife habitat. Bill Wanner will write to the board describing his reclamation plans based on this contact.

The final site visited was a small pit with sandy clay just off Prospect Hill Road. David Roby wants to cut off road access to the site soon to prevent any further use of it as a dumping site. Because of its smaller size the reclamation of this site would not present difficulties. Bill Wanner will write a third letter to the board describing his reclamation plan for this site.

Reclamation of the sites could begin this winter as long as they remain snow and frost free, and the work could be in stages. Joe Frazier moved that the board support permitting the reclamation work at the Bliss Lane Realty Trust property owned by David Roby, with Wanner Earthmoving managing the work. Barbara Dolyak seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to approve it. Bill Wanner will send a reclamation plan for each site to the board before the site work, and will notify the board when each site has been reclaimed so that inspection visits will be possible.

Adjournment

3:07 Joe Frazier moved adjournment, with a second from Barbara Dolyak. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted
Chuck Townsend, Scribe