

New Braintree Planning Board Minutes
Monday, May 13, 2024

Present: Genevieve Stillman, Vice-Chair; Dave Thompson; Jody Kablack; Thaddeus Thomas

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chair at 7:00 pm.

Gravel Permits Public Hearing: The Vice-Chair read the public hearing notice and acknowledged that the Board visited each site on July 11, 2024.

Bo Lee Excavating, 300 McKay Rd – Walter and Susan Lee were present for the hearing. Fee, application and abutter receipts submitted. A large portion of this property was recently cleared of trees. Plan is to continue excavating 15-20 ft from the property line, leaving a 1:3 slope at the property edges. Jay warned them to stay away from property lines. A Motion to approve the gravel permit was made by D. Thompson, second by S. Thomas, and voted unanimously. Permit #2024-1.

Thomas and Suellen Stott, 324 West Rd – Suellen Stott was present for the hearing. Fee, application and abutter receipts submitted. They removed a very small amount of material this year, and have plans to remove a very small amount of material this year. No additional comments. A Motion to approve the gravel permit was made by G. Stillman, second by S. Thomas, and voted unanimously. Permit #2024-2

Caron, 510 Barr Rd – Fred Smith was present for the landowner. Fee, application and abutter receipts submitted. They plan on removing approximately 10,000 yards his year. Nothing was done over the past year, except continuing to build the road. The Board had no additional comments. A Motion to approve the gravel permit was made by G. Stillman, second by S. Thomas, and voted unanimously. Permit #2024-3.

Stanley Grigas, 87B Sibley Rd – Stan Grigas was present for the hearing. Fee, application and abutter receipts submitted. Significant gravel operation was conducted this year. The Board noted that it was a very clean and organized operation. They have been reclaiming disturbed land by growing corn. No additional comments. A Motion to approve the gravel permit was made by D. Thompson, second by G. Stillman, and voted unanimously. Permit #2024-4

NexAmp – close out of application at Barre Cutoff Rd (Miller)

Peter Studt and Connor Roche from NexAmp were present. Also attending was Mark Borelli. G. Stillman recused herself.

NexAmp submitted a request to close-out the site from the Planning Board perspective. The Board conducted a site visit on May 23, 2024 to review the screening at the site. It was determined at the site walk that 3 additional trees needed to be planted along the access road close to Barre Cut-Off. It was also pointed out to NexAmp that several documents needed to be submitted into the file. The Board will revisit this request at a later date.

NexAmp – close out of application at Turnpike Road (Borelli 2)

NexAmp submitted a request to close-out the site from the Planning Board perspective. The Board conducted a site visit on May 23, 2024 to review the screening at the site. At the site walk, the Board noted several areas where screening vegetation was not adequate, and requested NexAmp submit a plan filling those areas in. The Board also noted that ivy was approved for planting along the fence, and that no ivy was growing. It was also pointed out to NexAmp that several documents needed to be submitted into the file. The Board will revisit this request at a later date.

Minutes to Approve: May 13, 2024

A Motion was made by G. Stillman, second by D. Thompson to approve the minutes of May 13, 2024 as drafted.

Next meeting: The Board tentatively scheduled the next meeting for Tuesday June 11 , 2024. Town Meeting is on June 17.

A motion was made by D. Thompson, seconded by T. Thomas and voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:07 pm.