

***** Work Session of June 17, 2010 called to order at 7:10 pm.**

Members Present: Dom Bergen Chairman, David Little,

Members Absent: Nicole Maher-Whiteside, Becca Boyden; John Roberts, Selectmen's Rep; Steve Gray, and Skip Nason.

Alternates Present: Pat Farley, Peter Vanderlaan

Alternates Absent: David Cluff, Tom Peters

After the meeting was called to order, Dom seated Alternates Peter V. and Pat F. and therefore a quorum was present.

The purpose of the meeting was to go over the Earth Excavation Application so as to make the regular meeting more concise and efficient. The public hearing to discuss this thoroughly will be held on July 28, 2010.

David Little reviewed the various questions to be discussed by the Board including that of David Cluff, who asked at an earlier meeting whether the Planning Board had the authority to issue permits that expire annually. It was concluded that the Planning Board was the regulatory body of the town that would make that determination. There was also a reminder that Becca B. had suggested we consult the town's legal advisor.

The group then compared the setback recommendations that are present in 155-E with the Town's 1984 ordinance with much commentary regarding the differences. We were reminded that we cannot be more conservative in our determinations than the guidelines presented in 155-E but we could be more liberal.

Peter V. questioned whether or not there should be noise level limitations and it was pointed out that Section 9 discussed operational standards which would allow other rules to be applied to a regulation. There was repeated concern that we create no unnecessary hardship for gravel pit owners.

Hours of operation were discussed. Those in the 1984 ordinance seemed appropriate to all.

Suggestions arose that road views be protected by requiring vegetation barriers between sites of operation and roads.

There were additions to the category "Other Permit Approvals Required" in the Town of Tamworth's Earth Excavation Regulations Permit.

The group concluded that final determinations of the setback distances in the various categories would be made after the full board had the opportunity to discuss the subject at a later meeting.

At 8:04, a motion for adjournment of the work session was made by Peter V. and seconded by David Little. APPROVED.

Submitted by Pat Farley, Planning Board Alternate.