

**MINUTES
CHARLESTOWN PLANNING BOARD
AIRGAS SITE VISIT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2012**

Members Present: Andy Jellie, Pat Royce, Rose Smith-Hull, Roger Thibodeau, Steve Neill
(Ex-Officio)

Alternate Members: Jim Jenkins

Others Present: Lisa Ramsey (Airgas), Tom Zampano (Airgas), Randy Rhoades (Airgas
Consultant), Nancy St. Pierre, Victor St. Pierre

Staff Present: David Edkins – Planning & Zoning Administrator
Regina Borden – Recording Secretary

SITE VISIT – AIRGAS EAST – 806 River Road: The Site Visit began in the Airgas office building at approximately 5:00 PM. Everyone present was given safety glasses to wear during the site visit.

The group proceeded to the next building where there was a loading dock for trucks. Re-filling of cylinders was done in this building. No one accessed this building. For safety reasons Airgas would like to move this operation to the outside area where cylinders are stored. The group then walked over to the proposed re-location area that was double fenced. This area would house the bunkers for flammable storage of cylinders and would house the propane filling operations. Mrs. Ramsey pointed out that this move is for safety. She explained what the purpose of the bunkers is and where the exact locations would be. Coming out of there and walking down the driveway the group passed the new proposed parking area for the trucks and the new lighting. Most of the time was spent at the next stop which was the building where the testing, stamping, and painting of the cylinders was done. We were able to walk through this building and observe the various operations. The group viewed the outside gravel storage area for the cylinders and had a demonstration of the forklift taking cylinders, on pallets, into the building as well as making a return trip from the building to the gravel area. The noise from clanking cylinders was observed.

After the tour of the Airgas property the group traveled to the St. Pierre property. Mrs. Ramsey had made arrangements for the forklift to move the cylinders so that at this location they could observe the noise from the clanking of the cylinders. There is a tree line that serves as a buffer. Many in the group then walked through this property to the Judd property to observe the view and the noise.

This Site Visit was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Borden, Recording Secretary

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(**Note:** These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections, if necessary, will be found in the Minutes of the September 18, 2012, Planning Board meeting.)