

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**PLANNING BOARD**  
**April 11, 2012**  
**7:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert Smith, Chairman; Robert Moynihan; Lou Ann Griswold; Robert Moynihan; Kevin Crawford and Dave Cedarholm, Selectmen's Rep.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Allan Dennis, CEO; Caren Rossi, Secretary; Tom Bonaccorsi; Lisa Wagner; Peter Hoyt; Dan Sheehan; Walter Cheney; and Rick Muise.

**The Town of Lee Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday March 14, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Public Safety Complex meeting room on the application for Excavation Permit renewal made Walter Cheney for property owned by Southeast Gravel and Cheney Lee Properties, located on Rt. 125, known as Tax Map #'s 03-07-00; 03-01-00; 03-02-00; 03-08-00 and 03-04-00.**

Robert Smith, Chairman read the notice into the record.

Walter Cheney showed the Board a plan that he had used for the 2010 & 2008 renewals. He only had minor information updated as not much has changed since 2008 due to the poor economy. He showed the Board areas on the plan that he had spread material on but possibly in the future he would excavate the material back out. He felt he still had 7' or 8' to the water table.

Allan Dennis provided the Board with pictures taken recently of the pit.

Tom Bonaccorsi provided the Board with a letter of his concerns of the pit excavation. (In file)

Mr. Moynihan suggested for clarification on the water table question that Mr. Cheney provide documentation as to what the water table is.

Mr. Cheney thought he had it already done and would look for the next meeting.

There was great discussion as to the five acres allowed to be open. The final conclusion is it is five contiguous acres. Where they pits are all in different ownership, he does not violate this.

There was also great discussion on the reclamation of the excavated areas. Mr. Dennis feels it is 12 months to reclaim after the pit is declared done. RSA 155 E- 5.

Mr. Cedarholm suggested he change the hatch area to "temporary reclaimed".

Mr. Moynihan would like the excavation areas depicted and acreage given for the next meeting. He also suggested getting the plan put on a 2010 aerial overlay.

Lisa Wagner abutter spoke with her concerns being wind erosion. She explained that there are large piles of stockpiled material behind her house and it is very silt material and it just blows all over their yard, against their house etc. It makes quite a mess.

There was much discussion on this. Allan Dennis explained that this house was built by a variance to allow the house in the commercial zone, next to the gravel pit. The material was hauled in by Jamco

Excavators in 2009 when the Old Mill Rd. project was done. The house was being built at this time. The material is not owned by Mr. Cheney it is an arrangement between Mr. Watkins and Mr. Cheney. There was discussion as to if this was allowed by the gravel pit and Mr. Dennis thinks that this is part of a gravel pit. People bring material into pits to process it all the time. He feels that this is allowed.

Mr. Cheney explained that Mr. Goodstein & Ms. Wagner clear cut the lot when building the house. He has planted some trees to help. He planted existing trees from the site as he felt they would be better because they are bigger. He planted 25 large pine trees. 2 died. He also explained that Mr. Watkins is in the process of removing the material but he is not sure when it is all expected to be gone.

Mr. Cedarholm felt that there is shared responsibility here and that a thicker buffer would help.

Mr. Cheney stated he would plant one tree for every one tree Mr. Goodstein and Ms. Wagner planted.

Chairman Smith would like a letter from Mr. Cheney and Mr. Watkins, Jamco Excavators as to when the material would be removed from the site for the next meeting. He wants Mr. Cheney to get the water table information and a revised plan showing the open and closed areas to include acreage. The next meeting will be on May 9, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

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Dan Sheehen/Chuck Cressey – Lee Lock it Inn

Mr. Sheehen explained that he is here to see what needs to be done for Mr. Cressey to store U-Haul trucks on his vacant lot adjacent to Lee Lock it Inn.

The Board discussed this and looked at the meeting minutes from November when Mr. Cressey came for a consultation and explained that he just needs to fill out a site review application. This can be done soon and he can be on the agenda for the May meeting.

Mr. Sheehen thanked the Board and he will do that.

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