

GRAVEL REMOVAL PERMIT HEARING

PER ORDER: MILTON ELLIOTT

Monday Dec. 6, 1976

The Hearing was opened at 8:05 in the Town Hall with approximately 30 interested citizens present. The meeting was presided over by the three selectmen, with Betty Hooper taking minutes of the meeting.

Roland Sallada presented the necessary points of procedure which the Selectmen must legally follow in scheduling a hearing and proved everything was done as ordered. He then read the Gravel Removal Permit application of Milton Elliott, asking to remove 50 thousand yards per year from the Tingley Family Trust pits and the Don Wheeler pit on Route 13.

Mr. Elliott described reasons he entered into the trucking business which he operates along with his son, David. He explained the necessity of supplying this type of coarse gravel. He has been hauling gravel for J. J. Cronin for the past three years. He described the benefits of land which has been leveled and the improvement of its use. He promised careful driving and employing all safety methods. He wished to especially impress the people with the small size of the operation.

His route plan was to use Arthur Houghton, Jr.'s road as an entry and approach Route 13 from in front of the Baptist Church.

Question and answer period followed.

GARY LUNEAU: Do I understand that 2 trucks will haul 50 thousand yards per year? How large are the trucks?

Mr. Elliott: 12 ton. We plan to haul 1000 yards per week.

GARY LUNEAU: For 50 weeks?

Mr. Elliott: Hopefully.

Gary Luneau: Will you be hauling weekends?

Mr. Elliott: An occasional Saturday.

Tom McGann: Are you Unionized?

Mr. Elliott: No.

Tom McGann: What do you plan to use to load the trucks?

Mr. Elliott: A 4-yard loader.

Tom McGann: Paid in full?

Mr. Elliott: There is a note.

Sarah Chapman: Will there be just the 2 trucks?

Mr. Elliott: Yes.

Sarah Chapman: I am concerned about trucking operations during the school hours.

Dick Moore: How much insurance do you carry?

Mr. Elliott: At present we carry 30-40, but we expect to increase this.

Mr. Rathbun, representing Woodland Asso: Lumbering operations pay a State severance tax - how about gravel pits?

Roland Sallada: This is a State Statutes and not a town tax.

Pat Getman: Will the Selectmen require an increase in insurance and limit the number of trucks?

Roland Sallada: The Selectmen will have to hear all sides before coming to any decisions in this regard.

Mr. Breck, Woodland Asso: Will you be reaching to the depth of the brook which runs near by?

Mr. Elliott: No.

Gary Luneau: Will you be working for 5 years across the top of the pit, or 5 years down?

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Mr. Elliott: Across the top.

Roland Sallada: To keep things straight - a permit is issued for only one year at a time. A permit may be renewed without another hearing, provided there is no change in the operation or conditions.

Leon Daniels: I think this sounds good. A small operation is much more agreeable to a large one.

Mr. Elliott: Primarily, we will be delivering to J. J. Cronin to their crusher.

Dick Moore: Is your operation exclusive with the Tingley Family Trust or could they sell to other operations?

Mr. Elliott: Yes. They might sell small amounts for the town use.

Walter Leach, Jr.: I work for the Town and I know the town used just small amounts at a time, mostly for graveling roads in the spring - 3000 yards per year at the most.

Pat Getman: Isn't there an existing permit on the Tingley Pit?

Roland Sallada: No. May I say here, that permits are issued without the necessity of a hearing, if the applicant hauls 10,000 yards or less per year.

Don Byam: I have a 10,000 year yard permit.

Dick Moore: This sounds like a reasonable program but the insurance sounds light.

Mr. Elliott: This will be increased.

George Peirce: I work for the State Highways and I would like to say that there has been no problems with the Elliotts and we do not foresee any.

Roland Sallada adjourned the hearing at 9:00 pm.

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Following the hearing, the Selectmen met with Milton and David Elliott and Mr. Tingley.

The Selectmen asked if they would refrain from removing gravel from the pit on Route 13. They agreed all removal would be done from the rear of the pit and not operating on Route 13. They also agreed to repair the loose rocks that exist, and form some type of barrier to prevent rocks from rolling onto the highway.

The Selectmen will meet with Mr. Elliott on Thursday evening December 9 at 10:00 pm and give him their decision.

Mr. Tingley was asked if his property was covered by liability insurance. He did not know, but would look into the matter, and agreed to apply this coverage, if it is not all ready covered.