

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MARCH 21, 2016
FIRST FLOOR MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Eric Carlson, Chairman
Allison Lasso
Stephen Leining
Trudy Weaver Miller
Mark Bachetti
Greig Siedor, Alternate

Others Present: Jill Hughes, Recording Secretary
Members of the public (see sign in sheet)

Chairman E. Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Public Hearing: Century Acquisitions, Inc., Clayton Road for a Special Permit for an alteration of sand plant.

The clerk read the public meeting notice into the record. Greg Marlowe was present. Mr. Marlowe explained how the plant operation works and the need to upgrade old equipment from the 1950's. They plan to build a new screen tower and crusher. The old equipment will be removed. A sound proof barrier will be placed around the new equipment. The noise from the machines will remain at or lower than the current level. They plan to monitor the noise level. Mr. Marlowe explained that he met with members of the NADF (No Asphalt Defense Fund) to do a site visit and explain the project. Kim Casey a member of NADF and an abutter of the property stated that she and the other members are okay with the project. MassDEP has no objections to the project. Ms. Casey also stated that she also monitors the noise levels from her home. Mr. Marlowe explained that there will be very little to no dust from the crusher, but they have sprayers that spray water directly to suppress it.

Members reviewed plans and a map of the area. G. Siedor asked where noise level testing was performed. Mr. Marlowe stated that several areas all over the property were tested and submitted to MassDEP. There are noise level limits that they have to meet. S. Leining asked if they meet those limits. Mr. Marlowe stated they are permitted with MassDEP and they meet the local standards. G. Siedor asked if they will be hiring additional employees or increasing their hours of operation. Mr. Marlowe stated that they will not be hiring new employees and no increased hours. The plant is open Monday through Friday 7AM to 5PM and they operate seasonal as temperatures need to be above freezing. Abutter Kim Casey stated that Century has made great strides to work with neighbors. A. Lasso asked if there would be an increase in truck traffic. Mr. Marlowe responded there would not be. A discussion ensued about the proposed project. **T. Weaver Miller motioned, with a second from G. Siedor to close the public hearing. The motion passed 5-0.**

G. Siedor motioned, with a second from T. Weaver Miller to grant the Special Permit application of Century Acquisitions, Inc. with the follow condition: (1) The applicant shall provide Kim Casey with copies of all noise test results. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Minutes: The Board reviewed draft meeting minutes from January 13, 2016. **A. Lassoe motioned, with a second from M. Bachetti to approve the January 13, 2016 minutes as written. The motion passed 5-0.**

Review Mail: The Board read a memo from the Board of Selectmen appointing Kenneth Smith as an alternate to the Zoning Board.

Bills Payable: There were no bills to approve.


Chairman Carlson explained to the Board that M. Bachetti was away when the public hearing was scheduled, so G. Siedor was asked to serve for this hearing. Discussion ensued.

S. Leining motioned, with a second from T. Weaver Miller to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

The following documents were reviewed during the Board's meeting and have been retained as required by the Massachusetts Public Retention Policy: Sign in sheet, Draft meeting minutes 1/13/16, Memo from Board of Selectmen, Application for Special Permit from Century Acquisitions, Inc.

Respectfully submitted by:


Jill Hughes
Recording Secretary