

## **MADISON PLANNING BOARD**

Minutes

August 5, 2015

Public Hearing & Regular Meeting

Members Present: Mike Brooks, David Cribbie, Noreen Downs, Brian Fowler, Marc Ohlson-Chair, and Andrew Smith

Members Not Present: Phil LaRoche

Others Present: Brandon Drew, David Cluff - Agent, William Chick, Sr.- Road Agent, Jesse Shackford III, Chris Young- Recording Secretary

Meeting Agenda Posted: 7/22/15 at Madison Town Hall, Madison Post Office, and Silver Lake Post Office and posted in Conway Daily Sun 7/24/15

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Ohlson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES:** No Alternates to appoint.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mrs. Downs moved, seconded by Mr. Fowler to approve the agenda of the 8/5/15 regular meeting as presented. Motion passed.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Fowler moved, seconded by Mr. Cribbie, to approve the minutes of 6/3/15 regular meeting as presented. The motion passed.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

6A. **REVIEW OF NEW APPLICATIONS:** Brandon S. Drew, Excavation Permit (Case 15-04) 196 High Street, Tax Map 232 Lot 37, Rural Residential District. Notices were sent certified return receipt on July 22. Notices were posted in the Madison PO and the Silver Lake PO as well as the two bulletin boards in the Town Hall on July 22. A notice appeared in the Conway Daily Sun on Friday, July 24. Only one of the six return receipts did not get returned.

Mr. Fowler moved, seconded by Mrs. Downs, to waive the preliminary review. The motion passed.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Cribbie, to accept the application as complete. The motion passed.

Mr. Cluff was given the floor to describe the project. An aerial photograph of the project as well as site plans was presented including the finished reclamation plan. Mr. Cluff described the plan to excavate sand from the parcel. Mr. Drew has been excavating sand on the neighboring lot which has been in operation since the 1940's. As the supply of sand is dwindling, this next parcel contains sand to continue the operation. Mr. Cluff explained how the excavation would be contained in a specific area and nearby wetlands would be protected. Water runoff would be directed in the excavation site to retention ponds which would remain in operation after the site had been reclaimed.

Mrs. Downs wondered what the truck traffic would be. The proposal allows for an extreme of 40 to 50 loads a day, but the current use is 20 to 30 loads a day. It is anticipated that the number of truck loads would be the same as currently. Some days may seem heavier while other days may see no activity at all. Mr. Brooks followed up with a few questions to ensure that there would be no safety hazards with holes left from the excavation. A satisfactory answer was given.

Mr. Ohlson opened up the hearing for public comments. Mr. Shackford described the history as far back as the 1940's of the current excavation site. He went on to describe how the quality of sand was such that the Town of Conway was purchasing it, because it did not freeze easily as it was clean of many impurities. Mr. Chick also pointed out that the Town of Madison was buying their sand from this pit and it was the best sand for the roads in the winter.

Mr. Ohlson closed the public hearing as no one else wished to speak. Mr. Ohlson then brought up the issue of a reclamation bond being required before a permit could be issued. This is outlined in the regulations, but no mention of it had been made so far in the hearing. Mr. Cluff acknowledged that he was aware of that and estimated that a cost of about \$2500 an acre would fulfill the reclamation requirements. Mr. Brooks moved, seconded by Mr. Fowler, to approve the plan as presented with the condition that a \$15,000 bond be submitted to the Town. The motion passed

7. **OLD BUSINESS:** The board discussed a request by the auditors and treasurer to close the separate planning board checking account and consolidate the funds into the general account. Mr. Fowler moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to close the planning board checking account and consolidate it into the general funds. The motion passed.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:** The board discussed purchasing the new edition of A Hard Road to Travel which came out this year. It was agreed that before ordering many copies, one copy could be gotten to preview and see if more were needed.

9. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** None

10. **SELECTMEN'S REPORT:** E. Madison Road is scheduled to be paved next Wednesday. Mr. Chick is also going to pave the apron into Goe Hill Road. The gravel road tends to wash out where it meets the pavement.

Linda Farinella has been hired as the new administrator.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Mr. Fowler reported that the Madison Boulder Project was about to finish. The kiosks were up and many improvements had been done.

12. **ADMINISTRATION:** None

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Fowler moved, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

The next Public Hearings & Regular Meeting is September 2, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Young  
Land Use Boards Administrative Assistant  
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