

FINAL

Bridgewater Planning Board
April 18, 2023 Minutes

Board members present: Chair- Patrick Roach, P. Wesley Morrill Jr., Steve Hering, Richard Hallberg, Paul Wilson, Ex-officio- Terry Murphy

Public present: Kevin Leonard (civil engineer, Northpoint Engineering), Rob Ambrose (applicant, Ambrose Bros. Inc.)

Patrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the members of the board introduced themselves. He declared that the meeting was regarding Ambrose Bros. Inc.'s excavation/pit expansion.

Rob stated he did not bring a plan set but did bring a revised copy of the Northpoint Eng. Letter of 2-25-23 2ed Tech. Rev. Letter Ambrose Bros., Inc., Bridgewater, NH/Pit expansion for each member of the board. Terry stated that they had met twice previously to address the specific details. Rob stated that the new revision leaves out the bond as it pertains instead to the selectmen. He went on to explain that they did get conditional approval in 2021 based on two factors: Kevin's satisfaction on the items and the satisfaction regarding the bond amount. Brief conversation ensued regarding the bond.

The board reviewed the revisions and plans submitted previously. Patrick asked if the board had any questions. Paul asked if there was any pushback from abutters about the proposed hours of operation. Terry answered no, it was an industrial area, and that they haven't received any feedback from abutters. He shared that Ambrose Bros. is going to plant some trees or bushes along Route 3. Kevin asked what would be planted and Rob responded low, screening trees, possibly fir or white pine. Kevin clarified that he was not mandating trees and that he was just pointing out that the board could take that into consideration when reviewing the application. Rob shared that over the last year the front facing area of the property has been seeded, vegetated, and looks good. Kevin explained that self-contained gravel pits are not mandated to have matting on slopes 3:1. Discussion was held regarding the reclamation of a pit and what would happen if a bond was revoked, and the property had to be restored.

Paul asked about the disposal of tree stumps. The ones that would be transported off site or otherwise disposed of. How would they be disposed of onsite? Rob explained that phrase isn't meant to mean burial or piled on site and is to not prematurely exclude another viable and lawful option in the future. He replied that there is a growing market for recycling and shredding stumps into biomass. He stated the plan is to not bring stumps there. Existing stumps from onsite have been hauled away. Paul was concerned about a concentrated pile being buried or above ground. Discussion was held about other communities in which stump burial occurs frequently.

Richard asked what the steepest slope is going to be, and Rob answered 2:1 slopes with 1 existing cliff bordering Whip-o-Will.

Patrick asked Kevin if he had any outstanding issues. Kevin stated that his concerns had been addressed and if the board has reviewed and is comfortable with the resolutions, then he is as well.

Richard made a motion to accept the application as complete with the remaining condition being the bond, and Paul seconded. Patrick, Wes, Steve, and Terry voted yea and the motion carries. Patrick went on to explain that the approval would have to occur after the bond issue is resolved with the Selectmen. Wes, Terry, and Kevin agreed to attend the Selectmen's meeting on Thursday. Kevin and Rob left the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Patrick directed the board to review the minutes from January 2022, October 2022, and February 2023. Paul made a motion to accept the October minutes as written and Pat seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Terry made a motion to accept the January minutes as written and Wes seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Wes made a motion to accept the February minutes as written and Patrick seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Paul made a motion to adjourn, Richard seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.