

June 7, 2016 Minutes Rochester Planning Commission

Present: Dan McKinley, Sandy Haas, Julie Martin, John Allen, David Curtis, Eric Bowman, Joan Pontious, Administrative Officer Doon Hinderyckx.

Guests: Muffie Harvey, Mike Andrews.

Call to Order: Dan called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

Old Business: Mike Andrews requested an update on the status of the gravel pile on the Rt 73 property of Randy Andrews. Muffie Harvey, representing Randy Andrews, updated the Board regarding their failure to complete removal of the gravel pile as directed under their Conditional Use Permit. While they originally wanted to sell the gravel, there were no buyers for gravel of that quality, so they now plan to use it on their own West Hill Road property. They have removed the top soil and reclaimed that area, they have been unable to move the gravel to their property on West Hill Road as planned, due to road repair work which has closed the road to truck traffic. Since moving it to another site temporarily and then moving it yet again seems inefficient and wasteful, they are requesting an extension until the road repair is completed, at which time they will move the gravel to their West Hill Road property. Road repair is expected to be completed on or before October 15, 2016.

After discussion, Dan moved that as the Conditional Use Permit to sell gravel material expires on June 15, 2016, that one extension be granted to the permit; the remaining gravel material will be removed for personal use only within 15 days of written notification to the Zoning Administrator from the Town that West Hill Road is open for necessary truck traffic, and in no event, later than November 1, 2016. The Board approved the extension by a six to one vote.

New Business: Dan presented information on the US Forest Service application for a Conditional Use Permit for Phase II of the stream reclamation project at several locations on the West Branch of the White River along Rt. 73. The Forest Service is awaiting comments from the State. A hearing will be scheduled for July 5, 2016.

Zoning Administrator: No new permit applications received. Doon presented background information on the work of the Sidewalk Committee; the Board requested that they be notified of the next meeting of this committee.

Minutes: Julie moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting. All in favor; so voted.

Handbook of procedures, anyone?

Adjourn: David moved to adjourn at 7:30 PM. All in favor; so voted. Next meeting to be July 5, 2016 at 6PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Pontious, Secretary