

Chairman Frank Lombardi called the meeting to order at 4:38 pm

Members Present: Frank Lombardi - Chairman, Donald LaPlante, Marcia Hammon , Lisa Courcy and David Chase

Members Absent: Edie Worcester and Marsha Lombardi

Public Present: None

Minutes: A motion was made by Marcia Hammon to accept the minutes as is from the November 16, 2021 meeting. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carries.
APPROVED.

Letter to NHDOT regarding Driveway permit for Proposed Landfill, 500 Site Campground and Drag Strip.

Chairman Frank Lombardi shared a draft letter from Donald LaPlante to the NH Department of Transportation regarding a Driveway Permit request # 14656.

Marcia wanted to include that it was passing the elementary school access road and pivoting in the business section before the bridge going up Rte 116 passed the town's Fire Station, Town Hall and the Morrison's Summit.

Don said his thinking is between the information we've sent in the past and the information Mr. Swan sends to just keep this as simple as possible. Would like to keep this very specific for this letter, no need to keep regurgitating the same information. The whole thing is not about traffic flow, it's about the permit for the driveway. Let's concentrate on the fact the driveway permit, if it's allowed, will give access to all of this.

Frank asked if anyone knew where the drag strip or campground proposal was.

Marcia asked when did you learn that they were reopening the idea of a drag strip.

Don stated this was in Mr. Swan's letters.

Marcia asked when this meeting occurred. Frank said just last week. Marcia said she thought Casella was going to give up until April about this.

Don said he read somewhere they withdrew the application and will resubmit.

Frank said you are correct, it was for a wetlands permit.

Don said the permit they are asking for, if they get it, violates DOT standards. It's not an environmental thing with DOT. DOT cares about the traffic.

Frank asked Marcia if she wanted to add something in the letter. Marcia said she would like to mention the traffic concerns.

Lisa mentioned that where there is a 500 site campground being proposed, maybe address this. Where would people go to the bathroom? She thinks this needs to be added to the letter.

The commission agreed to add a sentence about the campground and traffic.

***SEE ATTACHED LETTER TO THE NHDOT.**

ANNUAL REPORT:

The Conservation Commission worked on the annual letter for the annual report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Marica said she would like the letter that Elise will be giving to landowners for the upcoming NRI Fieldwork. Frank and Don agreed until we know what properties we are going to explore no one should be handing out letters to landowners yet. We don't know what properties will be involved with this yet.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

A motion was made by Donald LaPlante to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Seconded by Marcia Hammon. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted By:


Tina Wright-Acting Secretary


Frank Lombardi-Chairman

From: Frank Lombardi <flombardi@littletonschools.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 5:13 PM
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Subject: Driveway Permit Request #14656

Whitefield Conservation Commission
56 Littleton Road
Whitefield, NH 03598

January 12, 2022

Phil Beaulieu
NH Department of Transportation

Lancaster, NH 03584

Re: Driveway Permit request #14656

Dear Mr. Beaulieu,

We wish to state our opposition to the granting of Driveway Permit #14656 (GSL Landfill Development). The various projects being proposed that would be accessed with this driveway, if permitted, would see an estimated 200 large trailer trucks per day traveling over our local highways, plus a potential additional 500 vehicles per event for the proposed dragstrip. Additionally, a 500-site proposed campground of questionable environmental impact on Forest Lake and surrounding woodlands/wetlands would add further concerns in addition to an increased traffic load to a driveway that does not meet NH DOT minimum standards. Further, the applicant has not yet sought local approvals from the Town of Bethlehem.

Because the proposed driveway and associated projects fail on so many fronts, we respectfully request that Driveway Permit #14656 be denied.

Sincerely,

Whitefield Conservation Commission

cc: Whitefield Planning Board
Whitefield Selectboard
Dalton Conservation Commission, Selectboard, and Planning Board
Thomas E. O'Donovan, NHDES
Michael Wimsatt, NHDES
Robert Scott, NHDES
Bethlehem Conservation Commission, and Selectboard
Edith Tucker, NH District 5
Troy Merner, NH District 3
Robert Blechl, Caledonian Record
Angel Larcom, Littleton Courier
Tara Giles, Coos County Democrat