

**TOWN OF HOLLIS  
PLANNING BOARD  
34 Town Farm Road  
Hollis ME 04042**

9 December 2013

**Minutes of Planning Board Meeting**

**Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Town of Hollis Planning Board was called to order at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 9, 2013, at the Hollis Community Building by David Goodwin, Chairman.

**Roll Call:** David Goodwin, Chris Roy, Faith Plummer, Victor Kirmes, CEO Peter Gordon.  
**Others present:** William Kowalski, Jonathan Edgerton, Mark Dubois.

**Review of Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting on November 25, 2013, were unanimously approved as presented. There was no correspondence presented tonight.

**CEO Report:** Mr. Gordon reported that he recently met with a representative from CMP regarding proposed upgrades to transmission lines in 2015. This will probably not require any Planning Board action. There is a power point presentation available for review at the CEO's office.

**Old Business:** Mr. Kowalski presented a sketch plan showing the outline of the areas where he plans to excavate during each of the next five years. He will also stake or flag the areas. He noted that due to the nature of the material to be excavated, he does not anticipate the need for any screening to be done at this site. Mr. Goodwin emphasized the need for annual review of the property to confirm that no more than 5000 cubic yards will be removed in any one year.

Ms. Plummer moved to approve Mr. Kowalski's Conditional Use Permit with the following conditions:

1. Hours of operation: Mon. – Fri. 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Sat. 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.
2. Noise will be kept to a minimum at all times, such as no tailgate banging.
3. Material will be excavated to a level with the existing road.
4. A gravel buffer will be left in place for protection of abutters.
5. All requirements of DEP permit will be followed.
6. CEO will annually review the excavation area and report to the Planning Board.

Mr. Kirmes seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

**New Business:** Poland Spring – application for amendment of a Conditional Use Permit.

Present tonight were Jonathan Edgerton from Wright-Pierce Engineering, and Mark Dubois, geologist with Poland Spring. They explained that this amendment would increase spring water extraction to the 207.7 Million Gallons per Year (MGY) originally requested in 2000. The DEP initially approved extraction of 157.7 MGY, or 75% of the safe yield amount. DEP approved an increase to 182 MGY in 2003. All these increases are supported by close monitoring of ground and surface water over the past 15 years. According to the original CUP, all changes must be approved by the Planning Board.

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No new construction will be required, nor will employment levels change in any way. The increase in spring water extraction will result in a net reduction of tanker trucks per year that transport water from other spring sources to the bottling plant in Hollis. The project will result in a decrease of approximately 3000 inbound tanker trucks annually.

Mr. Edgerton and Mr. Dubois reviewed the process the bottling plant uses to monitor water levels, using their own data as well as monitoring several local domestic wells. They emphasized that all data support the increase to the maximum safe yield of 207.7 MGY. The DEP is currently reviewing this application as well, and will be issuing their permit in the near future.

A public hearing will be scheduled as soon as possible. A letter regarding the hearing will be mailed to all abutters. The letter will be reviewed by both the Planning Board and Poland Spring, and the Planning Board Chairman will sign. Poland Spring will mail the letters. The Town of Hollis will take care of local advertising.

The Board agreed to schedule the public hearing for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at the Hollis Community Building, to be followed by the regular meeting of the Planning Board.

With no other business pending at this time, Mr. Roy moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Plummer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Minutes submitted by Martha Turner, Secretary