

FORT ANN PLANNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2014

PRESENT: Donald Bedeaux- Chairman, William Hohmann, Brian Mattison, Chad Wilson, Curt Rehm, and Lewis (Butch) Barrett

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey R. Meyer, Esq.

Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Fort Ann Planning Board was called to order by Donald Bedeaux- Chairman at 7:01 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Big Bot Construction, Inc. (Battle Hill Mine)

Kevin Bliss, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Deputy Regional Permit Administrator appeared before the Planning Board to discuss the Big Boy Construction, Inc., Fort Ann Mine Site. Also in Attendance was Gino Vona owner of the company and Brian Norensky, Principal Geologist for the applicant. The proposal is for a hard rock quarry located on NYS Route 4, near the site commonly known as Battle Hill. The proposal has changed significantly since it was last before the Board and at the request of the DEC, they presented the draft scope for the quarry that is presently under review.

The DEC is the Lead Agency on this matter and the project is currently undergoing environmental review pursuant to SEQRA. The draft scope has been prepared and is in the public comment phase. In order to obtain as many comments as possible they are seeking the planning board's input as an involved agency.

The perimeter of the reduced mine was presented and discussed as well as the depth of the proposed mine. The draft scope was reviewed in its entirety. Additional public comments must be received by October 3, 2014.

The total size of the mine has been reduced to 25.6 acres, with a maximum depth of 20-30 feet; which will keep the entire mine above ground water. The estimated life of mine is 10-15 years. The mining will likely occur in 3 phases, with reclamation occurring simultaneously. The proposed reclamation is open grassland.

The applicant is proposing crushing and screening of materials. The applicant is also proposing washing the materials on site using existing wells.

The applicant affirmed that archeological research is still ongoing, early report from Matt Zimbo stated that the battle grounds are not within the proposed mining area.

There was a discussion about the entrance way. The applicant advised that DOT approved line of site distances and the proposal would include paving the entrance and 100-150 feet to reduce dust and tracking.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mark Miller, Enforcement Officer provided a verbal report to the Planning Board relative to inquiries he has received and properties in violation.
- October 27, 2014 is the next meeting

A motion was made to close the meeting at 8:40 by Chad Wilson, seconded by William Hohmann, all in favor, and passed unanimously.