

FORT ANN PLANNING BOARD**MEETING MINUTES****SEPTEMBER 22, 2014****1.0 Called to order, (7:01 pm)**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Donald Bedeaux

2.0 Roll Call

a) Board members present:

Donald Bedeaux, Chairman

William Hohmann

Brian Mattison

Chad Wilson

Curt Rehm

Lewis Barrett

b) Others:

Jeffrey R. Meyer, Esq.

3.0 Open Regular Meeting:

3.1 Organizational Meeting:

No organizational meeting noted.

4.0 Public Hearing:

No public hearing noted.

5.0 Reports from Committees

No committee reports noted.

6.0 Old Business:

No Old business noted.

7.0 New Business:

7.1 Big Boy Construction, Inc (Battle Hill Mine)

Kevin Bliss, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Deputy Regional Permit Administrator appeared before the Planning Board to discuss 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 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 the 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 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 sight distances and the proposal would include paving the entrance and 100-150 feet to reduce dust and tracking.

8.0 Correspondence and Miscellaneous:

Mark Miller, Enforcement Officer provided a verbal report the Planning Board relative to inquiries he has received and properties in violation.

9.0 Adjourn:

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm by Chad Wilson, seconded by William Hohmann, all were in favor, and the adjournment unanimously.

