

TOWN OF MADAWASKA

328 St. Thomas Street, Suite 101, Madawaska, Maine 04756-1299
Tel — (207) 728-6351 • Fax — (207) 728-3611

**Madawaska Planning Board Minutes
Public Meeting
Tuesday, September 19, 2018 at 5:45 PM
Town Council Meeting Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vincent Sirois; Chairman, Thomas Schneck, Mike Morin, Seth Lagasse

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Beaulieu, Devin Morin, Al Morin, Alan Dufour, Mike White, Kristin Morin.

see sign-in sheet

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Andrew Dubé

RECORDING SECRETARY: Danielle Cote

PUBLIC MEETING

Article 1: Call the Meeting to Order

Vice-Chairman, Mike Morin called the Public Hearing to order at 5:55: p.m.

Article 2: Establish a Quorum of Members.

A quorum was established with the following Planning Board members: Vincent Sirois, Mike Morin, Seth Lagasse, and Thomas Schneck.

Article 3: Determine any Conflict of Interest or Bias

None

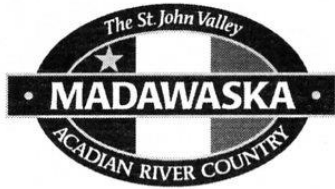
Article 4: Long Lake Construction (Alan Morin) gravel pit permit renewal for commercial use.

Mike White introduces himself as a representative for mining operations all over the state. Mr. White specializes in gravel pit rules and regulations. Mr. White is representing Alan Morin of Long Lake Construction to renew Mr. Morin's gravel pit permit. Mr. White states that he made the gravel pit overhead map for Alan and that he will continue to lay out the operation plans for Long Lake Construction in the next year.

Mike W. begins with the use of sprinklers to minimize dust dispersal into the air. The sprinkler system will work a certain amount of time per set interval to keep the area free of dust. Additionally, the pit will place 15mph signs to limit truck speed and limit dust thrown into the air.

Mike W. continues that the DEP air emissions agent went to the pit and didn't see any "fugitive emissions" exceeding 20% opacity.

Alan Dufour asks how often they will put calcium. Alan disputes that Al Morin will put enough calcium to prevent dust in the future.



TOWN OF MADAWASKA

328 St. Thomas Street, Suite 101, Madawaska, Maine 04756-1299
Tel — (207) 728-6351 • Fax — (207) 728-3611

Mike W. states that the weather this year was dry and it was a challenge to prevent dust. From this point forward the reduced speed limits, sprinklers, and use of some calcium should help keep the dust levels under the 20% opacity limit.

Tom states that with all these presented changes to Long Lake Construction's operation there should be a problem with dust in the future.

Mike W. states that the pit industry wishes to maintain a good relationship with DEP and AI intends to maintain that positive relationship with DEP by following their regulations.

Mike W. then addresses jake brakes. Long Lake Construction will place "no jake brake" signs on both sides of the entrance to the pit, to eliminate or greatly reduce their use.

Tom expresses his concern with the use of jake brakes.

Seth says that he feels that the brakes aren't much of a problem in comparison to the risk of crashes.

Tom responds that there isn't a need for the use of the brakes due to the long straightaways on both sides of the entrance to the pit.

Mike W. reviews the DEP pit license review by Scott Belair out of the Presque Isle DEP office. Long Lake Construction meets all the standards.

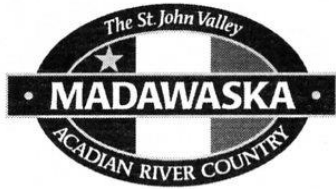
Mike W. continues by presenting the overhead design of the pit. Mike points out the prevailing wind direction which blows mostly back into the pit. Mike has added the "No Jake brake" sign locations on the map, as well as the sprinkler line down the entrance road.

Mike Morin asks if Long Lake Construction ever uses any other roads to leave the pit. Alan Morin states that he uses it only for his personal use and the commercial vehicles rarely to never use it unless he has specific projects on Gagnon Road.

Mike Morin feels that this hot summer was difficult to control the dust, even for farmers. He jokes that in some instances we may have required a helicopter to blanket the dirt to prevent dust.

Vince Sirois reiterates that Long Lake Construction's pit is in conformance to the law. Vince asks if the public has had a chance to participate.

Alan Dufour still has some doubts about the effectiveness of the dust control measures.



TOWN OF MADAWASKA

328 St. Thomas Street, Suite 101, Madawaska, Maine 04756-1299
Tel — (207) 728-6351 • Fax — (207) 728-3611

Mike W. asks Mr. Dufour to be proactive in the matter and try to contact Al Morin if he has an issue with the dust. Mike W. feels that if Al Morin is given the opportunity to alleviate the problem he certainly will.

Vince asks for a motion to renew Long Lake Construction permit for 1 year.

Tom- 1st

Seth-2nd

All in favor.

Article 5: Adjournment