MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Smith, Chairman; Mark Beliveau; Lou Ann Griswold; David Cedarholm; Wayne Lehman; Howard Hoff, Alternate and John LaCourse, Board of Selectmen Rep.

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul & Svetlana Cote; Lindsey Boisvert; Kayla Laflamme; Becky Jacobs; David Houston; Nathan & Anais Dadey; Jason & Kristal Seator; Jason & Jill Piparo; Kristal Seator; Brittany & Luigi Pasto; Brandon Boyd; Charles (CJ) Rousseau; Jason Anne Tappan Steve Bullek, Lee Public Works Manage and Caren Rossi, Planning & Zoning Administrator

Robert Smith, Chairman read the opening statement into the record.

A site walk on the Public Hearing for the Town of Lee Storage Area to be established on a vacant parcel of land that is located at the end of Clay Lane. The property is known as Lee Tax Map # 3-05-00. This is a possible final hearing.

Steve Bullek walked the site and showed all attendees were the roadway into the project was going to be; the detention ponds; the stockpile areas as well as the limits of tree cutting. The areas of tree cutting was agreed to be reduced to help address abutters concerns. The plans will be updated to reflect these changes. After all walked the project area, we meet in the parking lot to listen to the questions the attendees had.

Jill Piparo asked why are we doing this now?

Steve Bullek explained that it was a part of the gravel pit plan and now that we are not doing the gravel pit he still needs place to store the material.

David Houston asked why the cutting of the trees along the back? He spoke with errors on the plan with contour lines, pond elevations and incorrect buffer areas. Add material pile height.

Steve Bullek stated he must not have heard him, but they have agreed to only cut up to the trail in the back.

Mark Beliveau stated to David Houston to please review the plans and make a note of the errors he feels are on the plans and send them to Caren and she will send them to the Board for review.

CJ Rousseau asked what is done with the road ditching now.
Steve Bullek replied it is currently being brought to Noble Farm, a commercial project in Lee that the land used to be town owned. This is not allowed to done for liability purposes and is violation.

Jason Piparo asked what other towns do with it. Can’t it be stored at the highway garage? Cut more trees?

Caren Rossi explained that the area all around is conservation easement and nothing more can be cut.

Steve Bullek explained that the town of Durham has a pit on Packers Falls Rd and stores many different things there.

David Houston asked what the costs were and why we don’t haul it to Rochester. He spoke with concerns of storage in the aquifer conservation zone.

Steve Bullek stated that the last he knew it was $6.50 per yard to dispose of it there plus hauling.

Caren Rossi commented then we will not be able to use it again for other projects.

Woman with a southern accent spoke with environmental concerns of the project, to include water pollution of the stored materials.

Svelanta Cote spoke with concerns of her well. The development of Clay Lane cost her $2,000 for contaminants and hopes it doesn’t happen again, and if it does, who will pay?

Kayla Laflamme spoke with environmental concerns with the materials that are stored on site.

Steve Bullek replied that he will follow the NH DES rules.

CJ Rousseau asked what the cost analysis is.

Ligui Pasto asked if he will be screening the material on site.

David Houston asked about the storage of waste ordinance.

Caren Rossi stated she believes this is not under this that is meant for human waste facilities.

Kayla Laflamme asked what the hours of operation will be.

Steve Bullek stated they work 7am to 3pm Monday thru Friday and it will be a few weeks to get ready for paving in the spring and then the fall. Once summer starts they are busy with other maintenance etc. to do roadside work.
There was discussion of sneaking this into a gravel pit and Caren Rossi explained that in order to do this, a public hearing etc. will need to be held and certified notices to all of the abutters will go out. This will only happen if the state law changes and the town’s regulations change.

CJ Rousseau asked how do we keep this from creeping into something more than is discussed here?

Mark Beliveau suggested that once the planning board issues their recommendations, someone asks the Select Board to vote to have Public Works be bound by the recommendations the planning board sets forth.

Minutes transcribed by:

Caren Rossi