

TOWN OF STAMFORD
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING
August 25, 2026
(UNAPPROVED)

Present: Board Members: Jean E. Kurpiel, Chair, Sheila Pecor, Theodore N. Dobbert, Sheila G. Lawrence, and David Saldo.

Angela Trudeau (alternate) was not present.

Visitors: Barry Berard, Joseph Berard, John Dupras (Trinity Engineering), Joseph Lora III, Diane Saldo and John Stefanik.

Lori Shepard, Clerk.

Jean Kurpiel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. to reconvene the hearing that began on June 29, 2026, and was continued to July 20, 2026 and August 17, 2026. Jean Kurpiel led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone.

Dave Saldo had questions after the last meeting. John Dupras provided him with the answer through an email from Justin Galinat at the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, stating that the buffer for this project was 50 feet.

Dave Saldo attended the recent Planning Commission meeting and they had a water resource specialist give a presentation on protecting the water aquifer in town. They also discussed various types of water contamination. Dave Saldo is concerned about the town's water resources and the town's ability to pursue a grant for a municipal water supply.

John Dupras quickly summarized the process for a town water supply and did not feel this gravel bank would be an impediment in any way. Discussion continued regarding community water sources and where they might be located.

When the discussion concluded Jean Kurpiel asked the board if there were any other questions or if the board was prepared to make a decision.

MOTION by Ted Dobbert to approve Appeal #255. SECONDED by Sheila Pecor. All in favor. Motion approved.

The Zoning Board began to discuss the conditions of the permit.

1. The appeal requested open hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The prior permit's hours were 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dave Saldo questioned the decibel level. There has not been any decibel testing, but John Dupras stated that his mom, who lived next door, was never bothered by the noise. John Stefanik also said he is a close abutter and confirmed the sound levels were fine. The weekday hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

2. The prior Saturday open hours were 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mr. Lora and Mr. Berard are requesting Saturday hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The board discussed the crusher noise level and agreed the pit could be open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. but there would be no crushing on Saturdays. Jean Kurpiel noted that if someone needed material in an emergency, especially the town, the hours could be waived.

3. A bond was previously required. The board agreed to require a Certificate of Liability insurance for \$1 million naming the town as an insured.

4. Toilet facilities will be a Porta-potty.

5. The Zoning Board of Adjustment will have the right to review the operation after a twelve month period.

6. If the Act 250 permit is invalidated then this ZBA permit would be deemed invalid also.

7. The ABC permit has been revised to only accept stumps and root balls. The solid waste management facility certification must also remain in effect.

8. Upon closure of the pit, a 4" layer of topsoil and a maximum slope of 2:1 will be required.

Dave Saldo asked what would happen if the land were sold. It is believed that the permits run with the land.

MOTION by Dave Saldo to approve the permit with the conditions set for above. SECONDED by Ted Dobbert. All in favor. Motion approved.

MOTION by Sheila Lawrence to adjourn. SECONDED by Ted Dobbert. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting ended at 6:35 p.m. Jean Kurpiel thanked the board members for their diligence and the appellants for their patience. Dave Saldo felt their decision was based on a thorough investigation of all the facts.

Respectfully submitted by

Lori A. Shepard, Clerk

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