

**Hill, NH Planning Board  
Meeting Minutes  
12 October 2023**

Planning Board Members Present

Marshall Bennett – Chair  
Christopher Seufert, Jr. – Vice Chair  
Tom Seymour – Secretary/Treasurer  
Michael Munson  
Stephen Thomson – Select Board Ex-Officio

Planning Board Members Absent

None

Public Present

David Thomson

Call to Order

Having achieved a quorum, Planning Board Chair Marshall Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Marshall Bennett asked if there were amendments to the September minutes. Hearing none, Christopher Seufert, Jr. made motion to approve the minutes as amended and Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Suspend Agenda

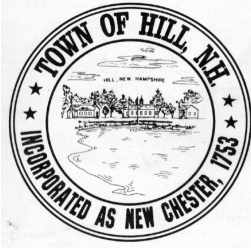
Tom Seymour made motion to suspend the mandated meeting agenda format in order to review and follow up on Excavation Reclamation Plans. Steve Thomson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Excavation Reclamation Discussion

The town once had three pits, with one since having closed. The Morrison and Seufert pits remain. Steve Thomson led the discussion with specific focus on the Morrison pit as it is the oldest and smallest.

Records Steve culled from Planning Board files suggest the permit should have expired in 2020. Yet, excavations continue. Technically, the pit could be considered an abandoned pit, as defined within NH RSA 155-E (2). Records also show that the original permit was “renewed” despite the general opinion that when a permit expires, the pit needs to re-apply for a new permit.

Steve also advised that the original bond taken out by the Morrison pit was released before the permit and reclamations were completed.



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The records on hand are either incomplete or indicate a failure in the overall process. Virtually all questions raised were not satisfactorily answered and the majority having no answer. Specifically:

Is there a current permit in play?

Does the town or NH DES have records to show a permit is current?

Is there a bond still being held until pit reclamation?

Is Current Use applicable to the land in question?

Marshall Bennett made motion to have Tom Seymour write a letter of Permit Re-Application to the Morrison pit extending an invitation to the November Planning Board meeting to discuss the pit's status. Christopher Seufert Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Marshall Bennett made motion to have Tom Seymour look into the status of the bond. Christopher Seufert Jr. Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve suggested that the Board familiarize itself with the Morrison pit records to gain full understanding of historical events. Tom Seymour asked if anyone was going to review the records right away. If not, he would like to review the records over the weekend. Everyone thought it was fine for Tom to review the records over the weekend. Steve cautioned Tom to make sure the records stayed together.

### Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Christopher Seufert, Jr. made motion to adjourn. Steve Thomson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Marshall Bennett adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Seymour, Secretary