

**Bucksport Planning Board**  
**10:00 A.M., Saturday, November 12, 2011**  
**Bucksport Town Office**  
**50 Main Street**

**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

John Daniels

Marc Curtis

George Hanson

Gail Hollowell

Rosemary Bamford

Edward Belcher

David Grant

**3. Site Visit Ground Rules**

**4. Commencement of Site Visit**

**5. Conclusion of Site Visit**

**6. Adjournment**

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**SITE VISIT**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** 10:00 A.M. by George Hanson, Chair

2. **Roll Call**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Daniels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marc Curtis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Hanson
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Staff present : Jeff Hammond CEO

3. **Site Visit Ground Rules:** The chair noted that board members should stay in one group so that all can hear any comments made. Public comments will be discouraged. When the visit is concluded, the board will adjourn without returning to the town office. Member Bamford noted that it would be nice to summarize while observations are fresh in mind. The chair believed that could be done on the site. A checklist was prepared to identify items to check during the site visit.
- The chair noted that the location of the groundwater monitoring well should be identified. It was not shown on the site plan.
- Member Curtis suggested that a blasting official should be invited to a future meeting to answer questions from the board.
- The chair expressed concern about how blasting will impact the hydrogeology in the area.
- Member Bamford expressed concern about a perceived intent of the applicant to avoid DEP permitting by staying under one acre.
- Member Curtis expressed concern about how a larger quarry in the future would impact the area. The CEO noted that, with the new mineral extraction ordinance in place, the applicant would not be able to have a larger quarry on his property.
- The CEO advised the board that safety vests should be worn during the site visit. The board was reminded to look at the vegetated buffer along the road, and to also evaluate the activity being conducted in the pit. Is it just a gravel extraction operation, or is it a production operation?
- The CEO noted that there would not be an audio recording made during the site visit. The board was advised to take notes.
- The chair adjourned the meeting at 10:20 A.M. to resume at the applicant's property on Bucksmills Road.
4. **Commencement of Site Visit:** The board commenced the site visit at 10:30 A.M. Members of the public were in attendance, as well as the applicant and his surveyor, David Pooler. Public members who signed an attendance sheet included, Robert Davis, Misty Young, Chris & Randy Goode, Corinne Daily, Michelle Skillin, Donald Skillin Jr., Donald J. Skillin, Jeremy Daigle, George Skillin, Wesley Stubbs, Ash Powers, and Ralph Robshaw. The chair explained the procedures to the public at the gate before proceeding on to the site. The prepared checklist of items to observe was reviewed, and the chair invited the public to comment on each item.
- The applicant stated that the planning board would be welcome to enter the pit, but not the public. After objections from the CEO and the board, the applicant relented. However, the board did not immediately enter the pit. Instead, they proceeded to walk

along the buffer adjacent to the road. Some members of the public followed, while others remained at the gate. The board observed the buffer noting that it appeared to be noncompliant with the terms of their permit, and with DEP standards.

Upon returning to the gate, the board was again advised that the public could not enter the pit. At that point, the meeting was adjourned. Five members of the board, along with select individuals invited by the applicant, entered the pit. Upon their return to the gate, the chair noted the confusion.

5. **Conclusion of Site Visit:** It is uncertain exactly when the site visit was concluded.
6. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Minutes prepared by  
Jeffrey Hammond  
Recording Secretary