

**Norwell Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing
Town of Norwell - 18 South Street
Remove Soil, Loam, Sand and Gravel
September 4, 2013**

7:45 Public Hearing – Gravel Removal, 18 South Street

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board open the Public Hearing for Gravel Removal at 18 South Street. Seconded and unanimously voted.

David DeCoste read the Legal Notice into the Minutes

Sean Boyd of Gale Associates briefed the Board of Selectmen on the purpose for applying for the Soil Removal Permit at the Track & Field.

- 5,500 – 6,000 cubic yards of loam to be removed 130' x 130' x 15' high
- Could not find a place in Town to stock pile, so this will be included in the bid for the new Athletic Fields
- Paul Foulsham reserves the right to have any material(s) being removed from the High School fields delivered to the Highway Department facility and that no material will be delivered to the Highway Department facility unless requested.
- Jason Brown pointed out that there have been numerous concerns from citizens regarding the potential value of the loam to the Town.
- Ellen Allen's concern was that if it was to be stockpiled, the Town does not have the man power to deal with the moving and sifting.
- David DeCoste inquired about the number of trucks that will be hauling soil away
- Sean Boyd estimates approximately 200-250 trucks.
- Ellen Allen priced out the cost at 5,700 cubic yards x \$14.00 with raw value of \$80,000. Sean said that \$14 is for clean loam.
- Tammie Garner inquired if all possible parties have been asked about the need for the soil.

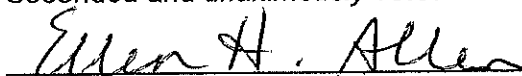
Ellen Allen asked the Audience if there were comments for or against this project.

Question: Rick Bello of 100 Main Street inquired on the level of activity with the 200+ trucks and what is the access to and from the site is. Sean Boyd presented a map with the details of where the trucks will enter and leave the construction site which is the current route that vehicles currently use when entering and leaving the high school, work will be done while school is in session. Jason Brown voiced his concern with the trucks during school hours. Sean Boyd explained that specific hours are part of the bid package.

Ellen Allen inquired how many days or weeks are expected for the trucking. Sean Boyd said Trucking will be the first month of the project working Monday–Friday and if the contractor wanted to work week-ends they will need permission from the Town Board of Selectmen.

MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board approve the application of Gale Associates for removal of soil, loam, sand and gravel. Seconded and unanimously passed.

MOTION: Jason Brown moved that the Board of Selectmen adjourn from the Public Hearing. Seconded and unanimously voted.


Board of Selectmen