

**TOWN OF GRANBY
PUBLIC HEARING
MINING OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT
OCTOBER 12, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Snow, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Present were Supervisor John Snow, Jr., Councilors Rodney DeLong, Sandra Farrands and Marianne Ingerson. Highway Superintendent Dan Duncan, MEO Goutermout and County Legislators Mike Solowy and Jim Karasek were also present. There was one guest in attendance.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. stated this overlay zoning district is intended to allow for the mining of unconsolidated sand and gravel resources and for development and use of reclaimed mine lands following the conclusion of mining activity. The intent of this mining overlay district is to insure the optimal location of mining activities and for the protection of neighboring lands. This overlay district shall be applied where the Town finds that the project locations scale and design will further Town planning goals and to be appropriate with the underlying zone districts. Existing or planned land use patterns, environmental constraints and the existing, and or planned availability of public water, sewage, drainage and transportation facilities. This overlay district will expand and work with allowable land uses of the effective underlying zone districts and be applicable to specific zone districts found by the Town to be suitable for mining. This will not affect our current mines, as all legally permitted mining would be in the overlay district. We need to look at the properties where there is currently no mining taking place, but the assessor code indicates mining. This will also look at small scale mining and put some restrictions on that which the DEC does not have control over. This will allow for future overlay districts so the Local Law also provides a mechanism so we can be looking for those mixed used districts in our hamlets. This legislation came to him at a strategy lesson for our Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. then read through the SEQR questions and it was determined that this project would result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment and therefore an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, a negative declaration is issued.

Patrick Donnelly of Fogel & Brown, LLC who represents Syracuse Sand and Gravel asked the Board to keep the Public Hearing open and continue to speak with the mining companies. They believe the maps showing where the overlay district will be and what mines will be in it should be adopted at the same time as the Local Law. This is how the Town should proceed both for the mining companies and for itself.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. explained that the properties that are being mined now will not be affected. We do not regulate them, nor are we seeking to regulate them. We have

parcels in our Town that have a property classification code of mining, but there is no mining activity currently on the property or nothing filed with the DEC. We are questioning the parcels that we don't know if mining is occurring. Any parcel within a legally permitted area of a current mine owner will be in the overlay whether there is currently mining activity or not.

Mr. Donnelly will speak with Mr. Fogel regarding the maps that he told the Board he would be providing to us for the next meeting.

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor Farrands to close the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:21 P.M.