

Thoughts after attending Working Session of the Select Board-

It is appreciated that the SB has taken on the task of revising a proposed Mining Ordinance Draft, I have been following the evolution of a Mining Ordinance in Alna since the recent beginning about 3 years ago. I observed the entire Planning Board spending most of ten months (double and triple sessions) researching, discussing, listening to comments, editing, and reviewing with counsel many drafts. At the beginning they reviewed numerous active mining ordinances and compared them for specifics which would serve our town in the best fair way for all citizens. In their meetings they poured over each standard, definitions, applications while listening to public feedback, reviewing current circumstances in Alna, and discussions with town counsel.

What I want to remind you of (or in case you were not aware) is that the Planning Board was incredibly thorough in its research and written execution of a proposed ordinance including standards. Yields extracted, truck loads, volume and the logic behind numbers and references throughout the document are relevant. Local mining businesses sell by weight, volume, and/or truck loads, they know what leaves their pit daily. (Abutters and the town receive documents with these annual figures from the largest pit.)

The references to noise levels may not sound like much, but ongoing over time and area can amount to quite an annoyance. The same with dust and debris build up from processing and transportation of mining products. Vibrations can also impair structures in an area. Please bear in mind these details were included after serious research and due diligence on the behalf of the town and its residents both current and future.

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