

2025 Permit Application-Crooker Construction

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to me

We have a few issues regarding this year's blasting - --recalling when the first permit was presented it was for the gravel pit and appeared to be a "one project/area" event. Now it is obviously an ongoing growth venture for this corporation. Our comments, thoughts and requests are:

#1 a comment the application header is "For Proposed Blasting Activities at the Crooker Construction LLC Gravel Pit, Alna ME", and not the active quarry in Alna.
#2 -WE, again, urge the Planning Board to minimize the number of blasts (20/year max) and more importantly the CY of material to be extracted and removed during this 2025 time period. We asked last year to keep it at 55,000 CY (looking at the 2 prior years and production). The final CY was just under 70,000 CY and there was a noticeable difference in the processing of that blasted material with breaking it down and then crushing it in the Whitefield Gravel Pit. PLEASE place a 70,000 (or less) CY limit on this year's permit.

The request for an estimated maximum 120,000 CY is not acceptable, unless this is the final year of blasting. It is also unsure how much more explosive would be used with this request ,looking at the jump of explosive from 2023 - 2024; and note it would be done with the same number of blasts requested last year.

#3 As time goes on and the blasting has become an annual event, for the time being, we would also like to request that all abutters and residents within a 1/2 mile ,at least, radiance of the quarry be able to request up to 8 water tests annually including radon and turbidity tests throughout the blasting time frame. EX. 1 test w/in 3 days of blasting and a follow up test w/in 2 days of blast for immediate comparisons. A resident could ask for one set of tests in April, June, August and October during different seasons and water tables.

#4 For verification if this permit is approved prior to Alna's next town meeting will Crooker Construction be held to applying Topsham's Blasting Ordinance, or would a proposed Alna Blasting Ordinance be automatically set in place if it is passed at our town meeting?

We appreciate all the Planning Board does and thank you for your time with our considerations.

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