

**Development Review Board
Town of Monkton, VT
280 Monkton Ridge
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Monkton, VT 05469**

Date:

**Re: Application #2012-02
Brisson Stone, LLC'S Application for a Gravel Extraction Operation**

Dear Applicants and Interested Parties,

As discussed at the most recent Development Review Board hearing in this matter on August 28th, this application has been continued until the Development Review Board meeting on October 23rd at 8 p.m. The agenda for that meeting and deadlines for the submission of materials prior to that meeting are outlined below.

In order to proceed with the review of this application in the most efficient manner possible, the Board wishes to conclude the taking of evidence on the discrete issue of whether a crushed rock quarrying operation may be permitted under the 1978 Zoning Regulations and the 1986 Amendments (collectively the "Regulations"). Therefore, the Board requests that Applicants bring their experts, Mr. Goddard and Mr. Revell, and that Interested Person Claudia Orlandi brings her expert Dr. Waite to the October 23rd meeting.

The October 23rd meeting will proceed in two parts. Expert testimony, and questions for the experts from the Board, will be taken from 8 p.m. until no later than 9:15 p.m. to preserve sufficient time for public comment and questions. Beginning with Mr. Goddard, and continuing with Mr. Revell and Dr. Waite, followed by other possible expert witnesses presented on this discreet issue. The public will be able to provide comments on the issue of whether a crushed rock quarrying operation may be permitted under the Regulations, as well as ask questions of the experts and Applicants, immediately following the time allotted for expert testimony. The meeting will conclude promptly at 10 p.m.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Development Review Board intends to enter a deliberative session to determine whether a crushed rock quarrying operation may be permitted under the Regulations. Before entering the deliberative session, the Board will announce a date-certain for the next public meeting at which the Board will announce its ruling on this preliminary issue, and whether based on that ruling the application may move forward. Should the Board determine that the application may move forward, it will begin taking additional evidence on the remaining standards in Regulations that the Brisson Stone application must meet to receive approval.

To further facilitate the testimony to be solicited at the October 23rd meeting, all pre-filed testimony or evidence, and all legal briefs or memoranda on the issue of whether a crushed rock quarrying operation may be permitted under the Regulations, must be received by the Development Review Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 9, 2012. This will allow the Board, the Applicants, and all interested parties and citizens to be fully prepared to address the issue at the October 23rd meeting. Any written responses to the pre-filed testimony, evidence, and legal briefs on the issue will only be accepted if filed by 4.30 pm on October 15. Given the already voluminous record on this issue, the Board encourages the Applicants and all interested parties to keep such filings brief and to avoid repeating arguments or evidence that have already been presented.

Sincerely,

Peter Close, Chair
Development Review Board
Town of Monkton, VT