

**CANAAN PLANNING BOARD
CANAAN ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

May 24th, 2016

Present: Morgan Wade, Jack Provencher, Bob Lee, Rob Baum, Greg Noyes Selectman, and Odette Crawford.

Guest: Peter Kopsco, Vermont Permit Specialist

The meeting began at 3:10 PM. Morgan introduced herself and the Board and then gave background information explaining our need to meet with Peter and understand his function and how it relates to permits and our duties as a Zoning Board.

Peter said that he works out of 3 offices, St. Johnsbury, Barre and Montpelier and that he is in the St Johnsbury office every Tuesday, his phone number is 802-505-5367. He explained that about 10 years ago his position was created by the State and that he has general information about many permits.

Peter said that he normally gets calls from people developing projects, either of a personal size such as installing a new septic system, and on occasion has calls from those developing commercial projects. Peter said that only the project developer can request a Project Review sheet, and that sometimes he may be asked to create a Project Review Sheet by Department Heads, such as ANR / Kirsten Sultan.

After discussing his process he recommended that if the Canaan ZBA felt that certain activities were in violation of State regulations that speaking directly with the head of the department was the best way to start, and then the Enforcement personnel would follow up.

The Board thanked Peter for coming and he left the meeting at 4:10 PM. The Board then discussed what action Bob as Zoning Administrator would take in regards to David Begin. Bob wants to meet with the Selectmen to make sure that they are aware that after June 15th, 2016 David will be in violation of his Beecher Falls permit and that fines can and may be applied. There was also discussion about David's violation of the use of his Canaan site.

The group agreed that this is a difficult situation, it isn't getting better and that resolving it is important to all of us as well as to the townspeople and David's business.

Respectfully submitted,
Odette