

TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen
Minutes of the Public Hearing
June 21, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams, Kevin Follensbee, Chase Kling

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Dobbins-Marsh, Deb McGoff, Jonathan McGoff, Craig Putnam, Jay Johnson, Julie Bell, Bob Palifka, Ruth Hook

Call Meeting to Order

The Public Hearing was called to order at 5:30 pm to review and hear comments on the McGoff Salvage, LLC junkyard applications. The reason for the Public Hearing on the application is because a new entity will be operating the existing junkyard operation. McGoff Salvage, LLC was created with the members being Deborah McGoff & Jonathan McGoff.

Jonathan McGoff said as far as he knows the State has already approved the two junkyard sites. In 2017 the state drilled 4 test holes to test for pollution. Not finding anything they were granted a few items, including concrete slab. Any stripping of vehicles takes place on the pad to avoid fuel seeping into the ground. Also, in 1994 a waste oil furnace was installed which uses waste oil collected from vehicles. Deb McGoff reminded the Board that the McGoff's had their well tested in 2022 and no issues were found. She asked about the "toxic fumes" that were reported coming from a culvert near their property. Kling said by replacing the culverts on Grimes Hill Road, it took care of that issue.

Kling offered to work with the McGoff to set boundary markers and measure out the dimensions of both junkyard areas. That information can then be added to the file with the applications. Craig Putnam added he's happy with the steps the McGoff's have and are taking to improve the junkyard area. Robert Palifka said he's been a customer of the salvage yard for many years and said it provides a great service to the Town. Jay Johnson said the property has always been well maintained over the past 30 years.

Adams reviewed the application and asked about the storm water management permit. J McGoff said any water runoff from their property it goes into the ditch within the Town's right of way and thru the culvert. He was unaware of any permit being required. There were a few questions on the application that may have been answered incorrectly, as they were a bit confusing. At this point, Chairman Adams became confused by the map of the salvage area. He seemed disoriented and many in the audience expressed dismay that he was looking at the wrong part of the map. Selectman Kling used his pen to point out the correct area, when Adams slapped his hand away. Selectman Kling stood up and declared he'd been assaulted by Adams. Adams said he knew how to read a map, and Kling was invading his space. D. McGoff clarified that YES, the junkyard is maintained to prevent any menace to public health and safety, and YES, the junkyard prevents offensive odors and sounds from the public.

Adams recommended McGoff Salvage, LLC members review the Best Management Practices for junkyard operations on the NH DES website. J. McGoff said he's implemented all recommendations received from the State of NH, and will continue to do so moving forward.

Adjourn

Motion made by Kling, seconded by Follensbee to close Public Hearing. Motion Passed 3/0

Motion made by Kling, seconded by Follensbee to approve the McGoff Salvage. LLC junkyard applications. Motion Passed 3/0

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Dobbins-Marsh