

## **Windham Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes of Site Walk held March 5, 2016**

The Windham Planning & Zoning Commission conducted a Site Walk of Gilead Enterprises at 40-44 Old Brooklyn Turnpike and 96 Back Road on March 5, 2016 starting at 4:30 PM -

Commission members present were: Claire Lary, Michael Graf, Edward Pelletier and Alternate Scott Lambeck. Also present: Steven Edelman-owner, Ed Hall, Francis Santa Lucia (neighbor), and James Finger Town Planner.

The Commission examined the areas that Mr. Edelman intended to excavate.

Commission members looked at the four to five scattered piles of earth materials to be removed from 40-44 Old Brooklyn Turnpike behind his house, and Mr. Edelman said they ranged in quantity of approximately 800 to 1,200 cubic yards of material. He said he planned to do final grading on this area to eliminate the rough surface and make it easier to mow.

He then showed the Commission two areas that have been closed out, and were growing vegetation. Mr. Edelman said that he needed to add more loam on one large area as it only produces scrubby growth and is not suitable for growing crops yet.

Next, the Commission walked along Old Brooklyn Turnpike and saw the neighborhood - down to 96 Back Road. There they saw another area of approximately an acre that Mr. Edelman said Nutmeg Gravel had backfilled and graded with material that was intended for excavation. However, Nutmeg went out of business before they could complete their excavation work.

The site appeared to be evenly graded and was growing grass. Mr. Edelman said he wanted to remove the fill down to the original grade which was eight to ten feet lower at the highest point in order to create a level field for crops.

Excavation of this site was more difficult to estimate, but would be hauled out through the main access of the former gravel operation at 212 Scotland Road where there is better access and demonstrated site line for exiting vehicles.

The Commission returned to their vehicles at 44 Old Brooklyn Turnpike and the site walk concluded at approximately 5:15 PM

*Respectfully submitted - James Finger, Town Planner*