

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026  
BARKHAMSTED TOWN COMMUNITY ROOM**

Chairman, James Hart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Tom Andersen, John Polderman, Frank Kaczynski and Christina Lavieri. Also present was Zoning Enforcement Officer, Debbie Brydon. Also present was First Selectwoman, Meaghan Cook.

**NEW APPLICATIONS: None**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. 245 NEW HARTFORD RD, LLC., APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR CONTRACTOR STORAGE YARD, INCLUDING OUTSIDE STORAGE**
- B. 245 NEW HARTFORD RD, LLC., APPLICATION FOR EARTH MATERIALS REMOVAL**

The public hearing was opened at 7:05 pm. Sebastian Amenta, P.E. was present as well as the applicant, Dakota Hock. The presentation was for both applications. Mr. Amenta stated this property was changed to an I-2 zone. It is 17.9 acres and Mr. Hock will be acquiring 3.5 acres from the neighbors (Galpin). Mr. Hock is applying to remove 195,000 cubic yard in four phases from this property. The stormwater management will also be constructed in two phases. A smaller sedimentation basin for the first phase and then enlarging the basin for the last three phases. See Town Engineer's comments attached. The slopes during excavation will be stabilized with mats. The first phase will remove 45,000 cubic yards. The applicant, Dakota Hock will be the emergency contact. As far as the Special Exception for outside storage goes, there will be no building on site. The stockpiles are outside the regulated area except for a small area in the rear corner. On top of the E & S controls, there will be vegetated berms protecting the wetlands. Applicant has a driveway permit from the State. Applicant will apply for the DEEP permit as soon as he begins Phase 1, as per Engineer's recommendations.

Sam and Diane Heelan, neighbors from 15 E. West Hill Rd spoke about how loud the rock crushing is on the weekends and asked what the business hours will be. Stee Tuxbury, another neighbor asked how many yards applicant used last year, Applicant was not sure of the amount. There will be no washing of equipment. An E & S bond will be required. Board members who viewed the property were John Polderman, Tom Andersen, Jim Hart and Frank Kaczynski. Andersen made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:35 pm, seconded by Polderman and unanimously approved. The commission will discuss this application at the next meeting on October 8, 2026.

**PENDING APPLICATIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM August 13, 2026:**

Polderman made a motion to approve the minutes of August 13, 2026, seconded by Andersen and unanimously approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Reviewed; no action taken

**REPORT FROM ZEO:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS LEGAL AND PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING:** Chairman Hart asked staff to set up the PZC training for after the New Year when the new member begins their term. Chairman Hart further asked staff to send letters to all the boards and commissions to invite them to the first meeting in November to discuss the 2027 Plan of Conservation and Development.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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John Polderman  
Secretary