

**Planning from page 16**

ing First Student; Kim White; Robert Chaplain.

**Decision:** Site Plan Review for Richard and Connie Powers, DBA Blackwater Bridge Group, LLC for school bus storage [at the old RP Johnson lumber yard on Cilleyville Road].

Eric stated that the public hearing was closed at the previous meeting, and this meeting is specifically for the Board to review the site visit and to make a decision on the application. Kim White questioned how she would present any of her information if the public hearing was closed. Eric advised there is an appeal process.

A site visit was conducted on July 29 specifically regarding noise concerns. Board members Eric, Nancy, Jacob, Michelle, and Don were present along with Allison Jones of First Student and Richard Powers as the applicant.

Three persons stayed on-site, and three persons relocated to the roadside at the bridge. The site visit included simulation of the pre-trip inspection. Eric felt noise levels were greater from Route 11, and the site is isolated where the parking is proposed. Nancy felt the loudest noise was the river.

Wood Sutton asked if the DOT regulations regarding idling were available. Allison responded that she did not bring them, and Nancy felt this was addressed during the site visit.

Wood asked if the heating elements

for the diesel were on timers. The response was yes, plus there are engine block heaters.

Eric stated he had contacted Liberty International for clarification on emission standards and was told there were two sets, the first from 2007 and the second from January of 2010. The 2010 standards are much stricter than 2007, and it would depend on data manufacture of the engine's EGR system.

Nancy asked if the vandalism alarm can be turned off, and the response was yes. Wood asked if Allison has had any experience with false alarms. Allison stated there was one call this past winter.

Jacob stated he was concerned with the dry hydrant and feels the driver vehicles should be kept far enough away for access. Richard responded that there is sufficient space for parking.

Michelle asked when the new buses will be ready. Allison states she is unsure, as the state will need to schedule inspections for the buses.

Nancy asked if the bus routes are the same for this year as previous, and the response was yes.

Michelle asked how long the contract would be signed for, and the response was it will be a five-year contract. The contract would also include the use of the buses with the Andover Emergency Management Plan, and Allison stated the superintendent will approve what the buses are specifically used for.

Paul Currier stated this application is

an accessory use to the school, which is a permitted use in the Village District. Nancy agreed that this is a permitted use in the Village District.

Eric made a motion to approve the Site Plan Review for parking ten buses at the Blackwater Bridge Group, LLC, with the condition of clarification of idling limit from the DOT/DES and review the site and use in July 2011. Teach seconded the motion.

Wood made an amendment to the motion, adding the normal hours of operation as specified in the application, and the Board reserves the right to act if the hours of operation become unreasonable.

Eric made a motion to approve the amendment clarifying the hours of operation, and Wood seconded the motion.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of the application.

**Additional Items for Consideration**

Eric stated there is a sign for a farm stand near Applecrest Lane on Route 11 in East Andover, and he will contact the property owner.

**Recycling Committee**

**August 12**

*Condensed from draft minutes*

**Attending:** Nan Kaplan, Don Gross, Ken Tripp, Bill Matulevich, Dana Hadley, Doug Gay

**Swap Day:** Bill reported that we have a full slate of volunteers for

August 14.

**Hazardous Waste Days:** We have not received results from the July 31 and August 7 regional events.

**Tires:** A trailer for recycling tires has been purchased and sited. Tires can now be accepted with rims. A fee is still charged.

**Glass:** Dana will investigate whether or not the Town owns a trailer as a result of a rent-to-purchase agreement with a scrap metal dealer. If we own a trailer, we might be able to simplify and cheapen our current method of recycling glass.

**Oil-Based Paints:** The Town currently accepts oil-based paints during summer months. We are now faced with disposal costs for this service. Should a fee be charged? Oil-based paints are a hazardous waste.

**Construction Debris:** NRRA has proposed an alternate vendor to the one we currently use. Anticipated savings would be \$1,000 per year. Don and Doug want to investigate another possibility before we make the change.

**State Inspection:** The state conducted an inspection of our Transfer Station to ensure compliance with current regulations. They had three issues:

- A) Lack of water
- B) E-waste stored outside
- C) Lack of barrier for propane tank

**Single Stream:** The trash co-op is still in limbo about single-stream recycling (SSR). A property tax issue has

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## Notes From The Arborist

### Fall Fertilization

*Myth & Fact*

**Myth** • Fertilizer is food for trees.

**Fact** • Fertilizer provides nutrients to trees, thereby enhancing their ability to produce food through photosynthesis.



**Myth** • Trees become dormant with no root activity after their leaves have dropped.

**Fact** • Root absorption and growth continues until soil temperatures approach freezing.

**Myth** • Fertilizers with the same N-P-K (Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium) ratio are the same.

**Fact** • Fertilizers can be readily available or slow release, and may contain micro-nutrients, beneficial bacteria, and fungi spores.

**Application Timing** • September – early November

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