

TOWN OF STAMFORD
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING
August 17, 2026
(UNAPPROVED)

Present: Board Members: Jean E. Kurpiel, Chair, Sheila Pecor, Theodore N. Dobbert, Sheila G. Lawrence, and David Saldo.

Angela Trudeau (alternate) was not present.

Visitors: Barry Berard, Joseph Berard, John Dupras (Trinity Engineering), Joseph Lora III, Diane Saldo and John Stefanik.

Lori Shepard, Clerk.

Jean Kurpiel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. to reconvene the hearing that began on June 29, 2026 and July 20, 2026. Jean Kurpiel led the Pledge of Allegiance, welcomed everyone, and opened the meeting for discussion.

Since the last meeting Dave Saldo and Sheila Pecor attended a site visit of the gravel bank. Dave Saldo and Jean Kurpiel also participated in a telephone conference with Brian Sales from the Vermont Solid Waste Program with the Department of Environmental Conservation. Dave Saldo found both to be very helpful. He stated that during the phone call he mentioned the 50 foot buffer vs. the 100 foot buffer and the state officials were silent on the matter.

John Dupras indicated that Brian Sales contacted him asking for several pieces of information that were requested from the town. There must have been some confusion as the Zoning Board of Adjustment did not request this information. John Dupras has amended the ABC permit application to allow for stumps, roots and wood debris only. Dave Saldo indicated that he had no problem with the stumps but did have concerns with processed wood products. He questioned the process and Jean Kurpiel read Section 8.2 of the town's By-laws regarding the removal of earth products.

Dave Saldo remained concerned that the activity could affect local wells in the area. The conversation went back and forth between the 50 vs. 100 foot buffer requirement. Dave Saldo felt there was too much information for the board to review before any vote and suggested deliberating in private. Jean Kurpiel felt a closed session was not needed. Dave Saldo would like to see the applicants complete the Act 250 process and once the state gives its approval then the Zoning Board could render its decision. John Dupras stated that he has gone as far as he can with the Act 250 process and he needs the town's approval before moving forward with the state.

MOTION by Ted Dobbert to grant the permit for the gravel bank with the ABC permit for stumps and wood debris. Without a second, the motion failed.

The appellants agreed that the board could stipulate that stumps and root balls were acceptable but not treated wood. The appellants submitted pictures of a town gravel pile containing crushed blacktop mixed with stone.

MOTION by Dave Saldo to table discussion to allow him to speak with the state concerning the 50 foot vs. 100 foot buffer. Without a second, the motion failed.

Dave Saldo will contact Justin Galinat from the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department to discuss the buffer requirement. He invited John Dupras to participate.

MOTION by Dave Saldo to recess the meeting. SECONDED by Ted Dobbert. All in favor. Motion APPROVED. The meeting ended at 6:55 p.m. The meeting will reconvene on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Lori A. Shepard, Clerk

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