

Belmont supports Parent Sand & Gravel access on Wareing Rd.

BELMONT — Selectmen said Monday night that the paving of a portion of Wareing Road will be delayed until spring because of additional drainage needs.

Wareing Road connects Rte. 106 with Shaker Road and has always been a dirt road. There are two homes on the portion to be paved and with this year's lack of rain, the road is wash boarded and dusty. It is posted for no thru traffic.

According to Town Planner Candace Daigle, Nutter Sand and Gravel operates gravel pits on either side of Wareing Road but is planning to sell the smaller gravel pit on the north to Parent Sand and Gravel, which currently operates on Shaker Road.

She said that Parent's owner, Adam Towne, wants to link the back of his current pit on Shaker Road to the back of what will be his new pit on Wareing Road and build his scales near the Wareing Road exit and be able to access Rte. 106 from there.

Daigle said the town supports putting Parent Sand and Gravel's access on Wareing Road so its trucks can directly access Rte. 106 because the town is attempting to reduce the amount of heavy trucks that travel through the newly reconstructed village area which is bisected by Rte. 140. If Towne's has an entrance to Rte. 106 from Wareing Road, he won't need to use Rte. 140 to access Rte. 106.

As for Nutter, Daigle said their access and scales to Rte. 106 is on South Road and she doesn't see any reason it would use Wareing Road because its scales are on the opposite side of its pits.

She said after the paving, Wareing Road will continue to be posted as "no through traffic" because Parent Sand and Gravel are operating on Wareing Road, not using it as a through road.

Right now, she said the road is unable to handle the weight load of sand and gravel trucks but once it is upgraded, Parent will be able to use it.

Daigle said the N.H. Department of Transportation will have to okay Parent's proposal and she had given his site and operation plans that will go before the Belmont Planning Board in October to the agency.

"This is a cooperative review as far as the town is concerned," Daigle said.

Daigle also said that Parent's site plan public hearing was scheduled for next week's Planning Board but it has been postponed until the October 26 meeting.

CUTLINE: About half-way down in this picture of Wareing Road is an intersection used by Nutter Sand and Gravel to access two pits. Once Parent Sand and Gravel takes over the pit on the left, it will use that exit to access Wareing Road and then Rte. 106. (Laconia Daily Sun photo/Gail Ober)
