



The LAW Brief



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Upcoming Meetings

- LAW General Meeting, 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 18, in the Bryant Room, Gibbs Library
- Planning Board Hearing, Lane Application, 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 22, Washington Fire House
- LAWaffle drawing 7 p.m. (This day), Dec. 13, Bryant Room
- LAW is looking for people to be road captains to inform your neighbors about important town issues. Please call 845-2648 to help.

Getting our Bearings

"It's one thing to read Alice in Wonderland, it's another thing to live it."

—Edmond J. Beavor, Esq.,
Attorney for Lane, in reference to residents' concerns

We say, Washington is a Wonderland and we don't want Lane's noisy, dirty, polluting plants and quarry to ruin the quiet possession of our homes.

Did You Know?

A recent study showed that children in noisier neighborhoods had higher blood pressure and stress hormone levels than children in quiet neighborhoods. They also had decreased motivation and increased nervousness. The noise levels studied were equivalent to the constant noise of a dishwasher or raised voices.

Lane Plans Year-Round Operation

Lane Construction Corp. plans to run its proposed concrete mix plant throughout the winter, company representatives told the Washington Planning Board at a workshop meeting earlier this month.

Scott Leach, company representative, said the proposed plant would be heated and would mix concrete year round, 24 hours a day "depending on the market."

Lane has applied to the town for a permit to put a concrete plant, an asphalt

plant, a rock crusher and a hard rock quarry on a portion of the Vanner family farm on Vanner Road. The proposed industrial use would be in a farm and forest district.

Previously, company officials had stated that facility would be seasonal and that trucks would not be traveling the narrow and steep Vanner Road in icy conditions.

Observers were surprised by the latest revelation.

"This certainly wasn't in their application," said Bo Marks, president of the Land Association of Washington.

LAW formed to protect the farm and forest district and the value of the homes and farms that stake up the district.

The neighborhood includes farms with goats, dairy cows, dog and horse breeding operations and family homes.

Lane Installs Plants Without Permit

Lane Construction Corp., of Meriden, Conn., has been unable to produce permits for a rock crusher and an asphalt plant the company installed at its Route 220 sand pit.

The crusher and plant were installed earlier this year and can be heard as far

away as Sprague Road.

Neither town officials nor Lane has produced documentation showing that the company has permission to operate this machinery at the pit.

The town's ordinances require that the company obtain permits before oper-

ating such equipment. The use of such equipment changes the site from a mining to manufacturing.

Although no permit has been produced, the town code enforcement officer has not yet forced the company to shut down the crusher and plant.

Buy Christmas Trees to Save Our Farms and Forests

Mention LAW when you buy your Christmas Tree from Davis Stream Christmas Tree Farm, and the owner will donate \$5 of the

purchase price to save our farmland and forests. The farm is open weekends after Thanksgiving, but you can reserve your tree in ad-

vance. Call 845-2544 for more information. The farm is on Hopkins Road in Washington.

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T-Shirts and Raffle Tickets To Help LAW

T-shirts: Law T-shirts are now available! For a \$20 donation, you can get a natural-colored shirt with LAW's logo in green (pictured at right).

The shirts will be available at the Oct. 18 LAW meeting and at the Oct. 22 public hearing. Please wear your T-shirt to the public hearing. We may not be able to speak at that meeting but we will certainly be heard.

Raffle Tickets: LAW members are also selling raffle tickets to raise money.

The drawing will be at a LAW get-together, 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 13, in the Bryant Room of the Gibbs Library. Refreshments will be served

and the drawing will be at 7:30.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and will be available at the Oct. 18 LAW meeting and at the Oct. 22 public hearing. For more information or to get tickets, call Debbie Hill at 845-6068.



Prizes:

- \$100 cash
- \$100 toward legal services by Hu Marks
- \$75 hand-woven wool rug
- \$50 gift certificate to the Penobscot catalog
- \$50 hand-made afghan
- \$45 massage
- \$30 hand-made wreath
- \$20 LAW T-shirt

Yes! I want to help LAW make sure our ordinances are enforced. Enclosed is my donation for:

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