

Draft Minutes of Public Hearing

Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy Division of Mineral Mining

O-N Minerals Strasburg Junction Mining Permit Application
Strasburg Town Hall
Strasburg VA
April 12, 2006

The hearing was held at the Town Hall at 7:00PM. Beginning at 6:00PM, the permit application, associated plans, and maps were made available to interested citizens.

There were 40 attendees present who signed the attendance sheet.

The hearing was called to order by Mr. Gary Barney, Hearings Officer. He explained the rules under which the hearing would be conducted, stated that the record would remain open for another week for additional written comments, and that he anticipated release of his final report with a target date of May 19, 2006. He also provided a summary of the issues raised by those people who requested the hearing.

O-N Minerals company personnel presented an overview of their operating and reclamation plans, and their hydrology and blasting consultants both gave presentations in their respective areas of expertise.

Following those presentations, 9 citizens gave testimony about concerns they had with the proposed mining operation.

The hearing was adjourned at approximately 8:30PM.