

Town won't consider crushing operation

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Jobs tells contractor road debris can't be stored on old quarry site

Saukville Town Chairman Barb Jobs snuffed out a potentially controversial crushing operation at a Lakeland Road quarry site before it had a chance to get started.

Town officials received a letter this month from James Peterson Sons, Inc., a Medford highway contractor, saying it intended to store recycled paving materials from a state Department of Transportation road project at the site of the Syntec Systems Corp. gravel pit on Lakeland Road.

In the letter, Russ Decker of Peterson Sons said the road builder wanted to store as much as 15,000 cubic yards of salvaged concrete, asphalt and shoulder material from a pending I-43 project at the site. Eventually, that material would be crushed and reused as road base, Decker said.

According to the letter from the contractor, as much as 15,000 cubic yards of clean fill would also be accepted at the pit and used for site reclamation.

Jobs said the letter was sent after she told Peterson representatives the plan was unacceptable to the town.

"I told them this is not something that would be in compliance with our zoning ordinance," she told the Town Board last week.

"We are not going to allow a crushing operation in an M-1 zoning district. Doing so would just open a can of worms. Can you see how the county would respond if we allowed crushing on that property?"

The town has been critical of county plans to expand gravel mining from a parcel near the Lakeland Road property.

Town officials said the Syntec pit is no longer being actively mined, but a site reclamation plan has never been followed.

Without the proper zoning, town supervisors agreed with Jobs that the pavement crushing proposal should not be considered.