

Merrimack Premium Outlets – Project Update

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- Work began on the site in September and has continued since that time.
- Site blasting began on November 1 with a test blast and has continued on a weekly basis. Four violations to project parameters have occurred (two were located at the cell tower). Presently the blasting permit has been pulled and Town Staff is awaiting information from the contractor detailing a revised blasting procedure that will ensure no further violations moving forward. All blasts are monitored, with results review by both the Fire and Community Development Department's.
- Complaints, both damage and general, from the blasting activity are being submitted to the Fire and Community Development's Office. Damage complaints have been forwarded to the site contractor. The Fire Department has fielded numerous calls relative to this issue, explaining the project blasting limits to area residents.
- To date, 400,000 yards of material have been removed, with approximately 600,000 yards of rock remaining. It is anticipated that 4 – 6 months of blasting is needed to complete all of the rock removal. The rock removal began in the northern area of the site and is moving south. The deepest area of the rock cut has been reached and as the blasting moves south, the depth of rock removal will decrease.
- The rock crusher is on site and has been operating for approximately two weeks. The crusher is located in the southwest area of the site, per approved plan. It is not anticipated that crusher will be moved from this location. It is anticipated that the crusher will remain on site for 6 months. Noise from the rock crusher cannot be heard off site.
- As required by the project approval, monthly water tests of both on-site wells and surface water (when present) have been occurring. All results have been within project limits. The Merrimack Village District's engineering consultant reviews all water test results.
- Building Plans have been submitted and are presently being reviewed by a third party consultant.
- The contractor is anticipating that footings for the northern building will be installed in April.
- As required by the project approval, a day long sound test occurred last week and noise levels coming from the project site were within project sound limits set by the Planning Board.

- Sewer and drain lines are being installed. A water detention pond has been installed in the northern portion of the site.
- Site activity is occurring over the entire upper job site, with blasted rock being used as fill down towards the highway.