

## ***Zoning Board Of Appeals Says Pike Cannot Move Asphalt Plant***

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**WESTBROOK, Maine** -- The Westbrook zoning board of appeals said Wednesday that Pike Industries cannot build a new \$5 million asphalt plant at its Spring Street quarry.

The board also ruled that Pike has never established permitted or legal authority to operating the quarry itself on Spring Street, even though Pike and its predecessors have been running the facility for more than 50 years.



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The future of the ongoing debate was unclear Wednesday. Pike does have the right to appeal Wednesday's decision or apply for the proper permits.

A company official told News 8 they would talk with city leaders before considering legal action.

"We've applied for a permit," said Pike Industries' attorney Tony Buxton. "Held it for 40 years, abided by the rules and we should be able to operate our business. If we have to protect that by going to court we will, lets hope we don't have to do that."

Not everyone was upset by Wednesday's ruling. IDEXX is located right next to the quarry. Dick Daigle, Director of Facilities for IDEXX said, "We're pleased with the outcome of the board. We think they have a very challenging process to deal with and we're very happy with the results."

Daigle added he expects the situation to end up in court.

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