

## Earth Removal Committee

### Minutes of 6/23/21

In attendance: Chairman Ieronimo, M. Harrison, J. Nauen, J. Shurtleff & D. Ward

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mr. Nauen

#### **Review of minutes**

Mr. Ward motioned to approve the minutes of January 27, 2021 as written, Mr. Nauen seconded. Mr. Ieronimo and Mr. Shurtleff abstained.  
Vote: 3 to 2

Mr. Nauen motioned to approve the minutes of April 14, 2021 as written, Mr. Harrison seconded and the remaining committee members approved.  
Unanimous.  
Vote: 5 to 0

#### **Reorganizaion of Committee**

Mr. Ward stated the need for reorganization. Mr. Ieronimo stated that Mr. Garretson resigned from the Committee. Mr. Nauen stated that he would like to nominate Mr. Ieronimo as the new Chairman of the Earth Removal Committee. Mr. Ward stated that one reason for his nomination is that Mr. Ieronimo has been on most inspections and complaint calls with Mr. Garretson; Mr. Shurtleff agreed. Mr. Ward stated that he recused himself when his son had a small project and he feels that is appropriate if a conflict exists. Mr. Ieronimo suggested the Committee visit with Town Council, KP Law, to define in legal terms the procedures to follow. Mr. Nauen inquired to the Committee of any other nominations and none were stated.

Mr. Nauen motioned to nominate Mr. Ieronimo, seconded by Mr. Ward and the remaining committee members were in agreement. Unanimous  
Vote: 5 to 0

Mr. Germain who was in the audience suggested a Vice Chairman be voted at well. He also asked the person video taping to identify themselves as being appropriate to the committee. Mr. John Gonzales

stated that he was asked to film on behalf of the community for those who are not able to attend the meeting. Mr. Germain stated that you have the right but that it is courtesy to identify before taping. Mr. Nauen stated that he would like to get a copy of the filming and Mr. Gonzales stated that it was streaming live and that a link could be provided. Mr. Nauen state that he requests a copy not a link. Mr. Germain stated that an issue could appear in the future if the link was altered. Mr. Nauen suggest that Area 58 film simultaneously for future meetings. Mr. Gonzales stated that its about elevating awareness to the community and not everyone can attend. He didn't intend to speak but was glad it was addressed. He continued to discuss indigenous people and the obligation to mother earth as an extremely large responsibility and that they want to know what people are speaking. Mr. Nauen stated that Mr. Gonzales was now making comments and that the committee will have Area 58 in the future and provide a copy.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for a Vice Chair; Mr. Ieronimo stated that an application had been submitted for a new member. Mr. Harrison suggested waiting until the new committee member is sworn in and vote with a full board. Mr. Nauen motioned to wait to vote on a Vice Chairman until the new member is sworn in, Mr. Harrison seconded and the remaining members were in agreement. Unanimous. Vote: 5 to 0

### **Discuss site visits from 5-1-21**

Chairman Ieronimo stated that the committee went to three sites at the Makepeace property where Mr. Gardner of GAF, Mr. Kane and Mr. Madden were in attendance. Chairman Ieronimo stated the tree cutting was being done in phases and that they viewed dust control in each site; no presence of dirt on Federal Road. A citizen in the audience stated that he drives through the area daily and inquired about records and where the aggregate was going. Chairman Ieronimo stated the measurement to be in yardage where .10 per yard is charged with a 12 month review and that the projects are being done in phases. Mr. Cosgrove inquired about how the committee measures. Chairman Ieromino responded with the topography done by an engineering firm. Mr. Cosgrove inquired about the certification from the beginning and a certification at the end. Mr. Ward stated that the before and after volume is given to the committee. Mr. Cosgrove gave an example of 1,000,000 cubic yards when it is

permitted for 500,000. Chairman Ieronimo stated that it is done in phases. Mr. Cosgrove stated that if you look at the sheets and it doesn't match that they maybe taking and using for themselves. Mr. Harrison stated that the committee is looking into this for the future. Chairman Ieronimo stated that there are discussions to revamp. Mr. Cosgrove stated that the sheets filled out should have a total amount regardless if it was sold or used for agriculture. Chairman Ieronimo stated the scale house slips show where they are going and should match. Mr. Cosgrove inquired how sand is tracked for individual customers and directed the question to Mr. Shurtleff who declined to answer. Chairman Ieronimo restated that there are phases and inspections and that the committee is knowledgeable about the limitation of tree cutting that falls within the project. Mr. Cosgrove inquired about the last inspection and how the measurements are taken. Mr. Ieronimo stated the last inspection as 5/21/21 and that they look at the trees and the cut of the depth. Mr. Cosgrove inquired about stakes and Chairman Ieronimo confirmed. Mr. Harrison stated that the committee is not here for the legalities. The discussion became unruly and Chairman Ieronimo stopped the conversation as it was not on the Agenda. Mr. Ward stated to Mr. Cosgrove that the next step would result in his removal from the meeting.

### **Discuss potential process and procedure changes**

Mr. Ward stated that discussions are needed for the current process and that the committee should take a look at what needs improvement. He inquired to the committee and asked if it should be done with additional input from engineering to ensure that gaps do not exist. Chairman Ieronimo agreed and also suggested weekly or bi-weekly inspections be conducted on every site by an appointed person or Town employee, taking a look at the existing structure and building upon it. Mr. Ward suggested adding onto the Order of Conditions. Ms. Whittemore agreed to outlining the process for the Committee and suggested looking at the active permit report. Mr. Ward suggested adding engineering comments, number of trucks approved, days, hours of operation and school bus schedules to the report. Chairman Ieronimo stated that the Committee should contact three different engineering firms and possibly have dedicated pits with permits inclusive of excessive trucking. He also stated the more information obtained the better we can answer questions.

Mr. Ward inquired consulting Town Council and Chairman Ieronimo confirmed. Mr. Nauen suggested speaking with Fuss and Neil for guidance as they work with the Planning Board. Chairman Ieronimo stated that he would be contacting all permit holders about the revamping process. A citizen in the audience suggested obtaining a measurement before the removal process is started.

**Other business**

Chairman Ieronimo scheduled the next site visit for July 24th from 8 am to 12 noon for 4 sites. He will contact the committee on the meeting place. Mr. Ward inquired to Ms. Whittemore about emailing a list of the Committee member phone numbers and she agreed. Mr. Germain suggested posting the site visit schedule on the Town Website. Discussion ensued regarding the next meeting room where Area 58 will be taping.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 28th at 7 pm.

Mr. Ward motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Nauen. Unanimous.  
VOTE: 5 to 0

The meeting ended at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Darlene Whittemore*

Darlene Whittemore, Earth Removal Secretary