# Earth Removal Committee Minutes of 2/22/17

In attendance:

Chairman J. Garretson, M. Harrison, J. Nauen,

J. Shurtleff and D. Ward

Absent:

R. Ieronimo

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

## Public hearing - A.D. Makepeace Off Federal Road

The hearing was postponed until 3/29/17 as the Public Notice was not printed for two weeks notice. Abutters were in attendance and informed of the next hearing.

# Review of previous meeting minutes:

Dick Ward motioned to approve the minutes of 1/25/17 with the correction of the approximate size for the upcoming hearing for the A.D. Makepeace future project to be 16 to 22 acres, seconded by J. Nauen and the remaining committee members were in agreement. Unanimous. Vote: 5 to 0

#### **Update on Silva St. work:**

Chairman Garretson informed the Committee that a woman contacted the police regarding activity at the Vaughan site on the holiday, February 20, 2017. Discussion proceeded where it was determined that the truck rules should be modified to include holidays. Chairman Garretson stated that a lot of material has been moved and that the project should be finished by the deadline set for April 15, 2017.

### Review of discussion on Ag vs Processing:

Chairman Garretson has not yet consulted with Steve Gray to get more information in regards to processing but he did have a discussion with the Town Manager regarding possible changes to the bylaw. He indicated that removal of a sentence found in the Planning and Zoning by laws could prove beneficial to the Earth Removal fund. Chairman Garretson cited an example to the Town Manager, Mr. Milanoski, of the loss of income from a commercial project in town and estimated the

removal of materials worth approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000 dollars. The Committee discussed processing of materials by some permit holders and another site in town that is not presently permitted for removal. The Committee stated that there is nothing definitive on the processing of materials within the current permitting regulations and that it should be addressed before the town Selectmen's Office. They also had a discussion over the decline in pricing of the cranberry industry and how the farms are looking to diversify.

#### **Other Business:**

Chairman Garretson will contact John Woods regarding the financial status of the Earth Removal fund and inquire about upcoming road repair projects. Chairman Garretson suggested site visits to the permit holders in the South of Carver and scheduled them for March 4, 2017 at 8:30 am. The Decas, Vincent, Federal, Edgewater and A.D. Makepeace properties will be reviewed.

#### Adjourn:

The next meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2017 at 7 pm in meeting room 4.

D. Ward made a motion to adjourn, seconded J. Shurtleff and the remaining Committee members were in agreement. Unanimous. Vote: 5 to 0

The meeting ended at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Whittemore, Earth Removal Secretary