# Earth Removal Committee Minutes of 3/29/17

In attendance:

Chairman J. Garretson, M. Harrison, R. Ieronimo

J. Nauen and D. Ward

Absent:

J. Shurtleff

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Jim Nauen made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 2/22/17 as written, D. Ward seconded his motion and the remaining members were in agreement with the exception of B. Ieronimo who abstained. Vote 4-0-1

Public hearing - A.D. Makepeace Off Federal Road

Chairman Garretson received the legal notices and property records for the hearing from Mr. Madden of GAF. He mentioned that there was a walk through of the property on 3/4/17 and asked Mr. Madden and Mr. Rogers about their request. Mr. Rogers stated that he is acting as a consultant and requests a modification of a previously approved permit issued for the same site. He is requesting to add water credits and increase removal from 16-17 acres to 22.6 acres. He mentioned that house lots were eliminated from the original proposal. Discussion of redesigning the bogs in section 1, 2 & 3 and creating a large dyke road took place. Further discussion ensued regarding the southerly side of the bog where it became distressed due to lack of sun. He stated that he would like to create a flat level area to open it up. This would reduce the use of helicopters and it would make for a more efficient expansion bog using a minimum of 50' buffer from Federal Road and a tail water recovery from the reservoir. He stated that this was presented and approved from the Conservation Committee in January of 2017 where an order of conditions were received and recorded at the registry of deeds. Chairman Garretson inquired about any additional cuts at the intersection of Cranberry and Federal Roads along with confirmation that no additional trees would be removed. Mr. Madden and Mr. Rogers confirmed that no changes would occur near the corner. Discussion of sloping ensued where it was suggested that 2.5 - 1 slope near the end of

section 1 and 3 would be appropriate. Mr. Ward inquired about the depth of the reservoir and Mr. Madden responded that it is about 13 feet. Chairman Garretson asked about the time frame and traffic and it was stated that the time frame would add 3 years however the traffic would remain the same. Further discussion ensued regarding the existing truck restriction exiting the site to be 80% left turn and 20% right turn. Chairman Garretson suggested suspending all right hand turns during harvest season. Mr. Madden stated that he did not think the company would be opposed to this restriction. Ms. Bogart stated her concerns; the extended time frame of the project, the beeping noise, traffic and quality of her life moving from the city to bog construction. She inquired to Mr. Madden the time frame to completion. Mr. Madden responded that completion would be 2020-2021. He explained that the original is 90-100% complete but that the site is out of balance. Ms. Bogart stated that she has google mapping from 2013 to present date where there has been thinning of trees. Discussion of the south side of the bog ensued along with the soil blending area where Mr. Madden stated that the land is zoned for commercial use. Ms. Bogat stated that she has attended quarterly meetings at A.D. Makepeace and was informed by Mr. Kane that the split of traffic was designated for a 50-50 distribution of left and right hand turns exiting the site. Discussion of the bike traffic and path ensued where Ms. Bogart was informed by Mr. Kane to find another site for the bike path. Ms.Bogart referenced a MEPA filing and inquired about the protected space and land restriction adjacent to the forest on the Plymouth land above the Wareham line. Mr. Madden stated that there was not significant findings. Chairman Garretson stated that he would like the committee to view the Archeological portion of the MEPA filing and Mr. Rogers agreed to research that in the morning. Chairman Garretson also stated that he would like to diminish traffic on Cranberry Road especially near harvest season. Discussion ensued regarding other sources of truck traffic on that road and consideration of a traffic study through SERPPED where D. Ward stated that he would investigate. Ms. Bogart would like to see the traffic split enforced along with accountability. White noise growlers were mentioned and safety concerns were also discussed regarding back up alarms. J. Nauen made a motion to continue the meeting to April 12, 2017 in order to assess a traffic study to approve the changes or set additional conditions to the A. D. Makepeace project on Cranberry and

Federal Roads, seconded by M. Harrison and the remaining Committee members were in agreement. Unanimous.

Vote: 5 to 0

The hearing ended at 8:45 pm.

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

Chairman Garretson informed the Committee of the April 15, 2017 deadline for the Silva Street project. The letter was hand delivered by Chairman Garretson and witnessed by B. Ieronimo.

### **Spring Sit visit review:**

Chairman Garretson presented a map to the Committee regarding data gathered on April 1, 2017 that verify amount removed and fee balance. Vincent, two Decas permits and A.D. Makepeace projects were discussed. B. Ieronimo stated that no complaints to the A.D. Makepeace project has been received.

### **Johnson Cranberry discussion:**

Chairman Garretson stated a dust issue at the Van Johnson site where some material has been piled high. Chairman Garretson and B. Ieronimo visited neighbors near the site on a windy day. Chairman Garretson informed the Committee that Mr. Johnson agreed to reduce the pile of material. The Committee also discussed the possibility of dirt glue if the problem continues.

## **Dom Fernands removal update:**

Chairman Garretson met with Mr. Fernandes and his associate regarding a neighbor inquiry regarding a concern over a sand pit. Mr. Fernandes associate offered his number to the neighbors if they had any other concerns.

#### Adjourn:

The next meeting is scheduled as the continuation for the hearing set for April 12, 2017 at 7 pm in meeting room 4.

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

The meeting ended at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Whittemore, Earth Removal Secretary