

Earth Removal Committee  
Minutes of 3/22/18

In attendance: Chairman J. Garretson, J. Nauen, J. Shurtleff and D. Ward

Absent: M. Harrison, R. Ieronimo

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

**Review of permit application of Franklin Marsh LLC**

**Public Hearing for Franklin Marsh LLC**

Chairman Garretson introduced applicant Mr. Gary Weston of Franklin Marsh LLC and his representative Ms. Sarah Stearns of Beals and Thomas to the audience. Ms. Stearns described the project as representing 27 acres between the Town of Carver and Plymouth. She explained that she and Mr. Weston are required to appear before the ZBA in Plymouth and is schedule to present in May. She described the request for removal as slightly larger, 610,000 cubic yards in Plymouth compared to 410,000 cubic yards in Carver where the Carver permit is contingent upon approval of the Town of Plymouth. She stated two viable areas of entrance on Plymouth Street. Chairman Garretson inquired about the time frame and for the number of trucks requested per day. Ms. Stearns replied that the duration as approximately 2.5 years depending on the limit of truck traffic for both towns; 40 trucks per day is the limit in Plymouth. Abutting Citizens' raised concerns over the amount of noise over a long period of time. Chairman Garretson suggested production to be done in phases and to increase the buffer over the 50 feet required by the Earth Removal bylaw. Discussion ensued regarding a 10 foot gain to steepen the slope to allow for an increased buffer and Ms. Stearns will investigate the ripple effect to the area near the canal for safe access for the trucks. A Citizen from 31 Plymouth Street suggested an exit through Snapit Road and Chairman Garretson stated that it was not feasible. Ms. Humes from 11 Plymouth Street discussed an issue of trees falling from the Franklin Marsh property to her driveway, access road. She stated the access to her house as an easement where the property is shared by both. Mr. Weston offered to widen the road and remove trees and she was amenable. Ms. Stearns stated that the buffer would be compromised with the tree removal however Ms. Humes stated she would be satisfied with the widening of the road. Another abutting citizen requested the point of entrance to be at the lower end of Plymouth Street which was also agreed upon. Chairman Garretson stated that staging of trucks was not allowed and that the Committee would get involved if the rules were not followed. Discussion ensued regarding the

estimated number of trucks per day and Chairman Garretson stated that the maximum of 50 per the Carver Permit and 40 from the tentative Plymouth permit was not an option. A compromise was reached allowing up to 60 trucks per day during October through April.

D. Ward motioned to approve the permit as described in the hearing: a maximum of 410,000 cubic yards of removal, buffer zone assessment, using the lower end of the property as an entrance. enlargement of the easement at 11 Plymouth Street, dust control, operating hours as Monday through Friday from 7 am to 4 pm. (avoiding the school bus schedule to be determined) half day on Saturday and the maximum number of trucks as 50 from May through September and allowing an increase to 60 during the remaining month, seconded by J. Nauen and the remaining members were in agreement. Ms. Whittemore to send the order of conditions to the abutters in attendance. The hearing ended at 8:18 pm.

VOTE: 4 to 0

### **New Business**

None

### **Adjourn**

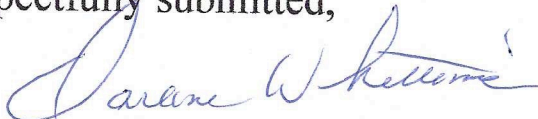
The next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2018 at 7 pm in meeting room 4.

J. Shurtleff motioned to adjourn, seconded by J. Nauen and the remaining Committee members were in agreement. Unanimous.

Vote: 4 to 0

The meeting ended at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Darlene Whittemore, Earth Removal Secretary