

Earth Removal Committee
Minutes of 2/24/16

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

Absent: None

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

Review of previous meeting minutes:

J. Nauen motioned to approve minutes of 1/27/16 as written, seconded by M. Harrison and the remaining members were in agreement.

Vote: 6 to 0

Review of Edgewood Bogs Application:

Mr. Jarred Rhodes of Edgewood bogs presented an NRCS Plan and stated the purpose of the project is to increase sufficiency with a water hole expansion. Chairman Garretson inquired about the intention of the total area for excavation and Mr. Rhodes stated approximately 25,000 - 30,000 yards of material for removal. Discussion over the exit plan for the truck traffic occurred where a good line of site was determined to be at the main entrance. Mr. Rhodes stated the number of trucks would depend on the amount of sales of material and Chairman Garretson discussed the need for a limit. Mr. Rhodes agreed to 15 trucks per day and B. Ieronimo suggested a contingency if he felt more would be required. Chairman Garretson discussed safety practices for the trucks, quarterly billing of 10 cents per yard as being used toward road repair and working hours of operation as 7 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday and Saturday 7-12 noon where the bus schedule would be documented in the order of conditions.

D. Ward motioned to approve the permit for Edgewood Bogs with the conditions discussed seconded by B. Ieronimo and the remaining committee members were in agreement. Unanimous.

Vote: 6 to 0

Review of Decas Bogs Application:

Chairman Garretson stated that the hearing is scheduled for March 30, 2016. Discussion of the project to include about 150,000 yards of

material to be removed over a 2 to 3 year time period. Mr. Scott Hannula discussed the geography of the site, strategies for specific areas of the map and stated the intention is to dig for water and straighten the topography of the bog. The Earth Removal Committee scheduled a site visit for Saturday, March 19th at 8:30 am.

Review of Earth Removal Account:

The report was reviewed.

Discussion of Warrant Articles for Annual Town Meeting:

Chairman Garretson discussed the Annual Report and distributed amongst the Committee.

New Business:

Chairman Garretson stated that he discussed Earth Removal and Zoning bylaws with Michael Milanoski and determined that the Planning Department has been referencing the Zoning bylaws that were amended in 2013. Discussion of the two by laws amongst the Committee occurred. The Town Planner corresponded to Mr. Higgins; Town Council is reviewing and will report back to Chairman Garretson regarding the missed opportunity for Earth that was removed from the New England Farms site on Route 58. Chairman Garretson discussed the Conflict of Interest Law for Municipal Employees and distributed Acknowledgements for review and signatures. D. Whittemore will forward to the Town Clerk's Office.

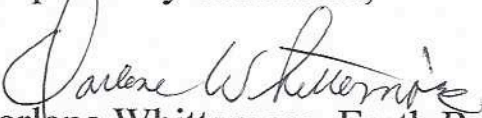
The next meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2016 at 7 pm.

Adjourn:

B. Ieronimo motioned to adjourn the meeting, D. Ward seconded the motioned and the remaining members were in agreement. Unanimous.
Vote: 6 to 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Darlene Whittemore, Earth Removal Secretary