

Earth Removal Committee

Minutes of 5/15/19

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

Absent: J. Nauen

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of previous Meetings

D. Ward motioned to approve the Minutes of 3/27/19 as written, J. Shurtleff seconded his motion and the remaining Committee Members were in agreement with the exception of R. Ieronimo who abstained.

Vote: 4 to 1 Abstention

Public hearing for Cranebrook Cranberry LLC.

7:02 pm. Chairman Garretson stated that the notice for the hearing was provided. Mr. Madden stated that there was a minor revision to the plan regarding the delineation of the gradient associated with the small solar array (top left on plan); a more universal slope would allow a small depression for storm water surface to better infiltrate into the ground. He further stated that Cranberry Bog Road to be used to exit right onto Tremont or left onto Federal Road. Discussion ensued regarding hours of operation and it was decided that Saturday production would not be allowed due to proximity to the neighbors; Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm would be allowed using 40 trucks per day. Mr. Madden stated that he anticipates the amount of removal to be lower than 127,000 cubic yards in eighteen months. Mr. Ward inquired about the tree line and vegetation. Mr. Madden responded that the berm would be the start and the most extreme lot is at 220 feet and the most narrow as 80 feet where activity would not go under 100 feet. Mr. Ieronimo inquired about a concrete blanket and Mr. Madden stated that it would be biodegradable with reinforcing and would be used on the 2-5 slope along with hydroseed.

Ms. Stottmeier inquired to Chairman Garretson regarding concerns of hours of operation, a quiet weekend, an untouched tree line, rock splitting or crushing and the bylaw of groundwater before or after

elevation. Mr. Madden was in agreement with no Saturday hours and Chairman Garretson stated that no staging of trucks would be allowed before 7 am. Chairman Garretson also mentioned the noise reduction method other than the loud beepers. Mr. Gibbs confirmed. No issue of a tree line was determined. Mr. Gibbs stated that no hammering would take place but that large rocks require splitting into pieces in order for removal. Mr. Gibbs agreed that the abutters would be notified 1-2 days before the rock splitting would take place. Mr. Garretson stated that appropriate signs are required and asked if the area could be opened up to ensure a line of sight. Chairman Garretson stated that no ground water should be disturbed because there is no excavation to the water hole; above groundwater. Mr. Harrison inquired about material on the site exit; Mr. Madden stated a standard tracking pad would be used. Chairman Garretson stated that advance notification to the neighbors before rock splitting would be required in the order of conditions. Mr. Ward motioned to approve the permit based on the qualifications discussed, Mr. Ieronimo seconded, Mr. Shurtleff recused himself and the remaining Committee Members were in agreement.

VOTE: 4 to 1

Public Hearing ended 7:43 pm

Discussion of Spring Site Visits

Chairman Garretson stated that all permit sites were visited with the exception of route 44.

Review of Earth Removal Account

New Business

Chairman Garretson stated that Mr. Woods used cold patch every month and would like to deduct it from the Earth Removal Account. He further stated that the hot patch machine was decreasing waste.

Chairman Garretson had a discussion with Mr. Kurt Young from Federal Furnace where he inquired about specifics in the existing permit.

Chairman Garretson stated that he walked the property and found a substantial amount of removal (i.e. 60,000 to 70,000 yards). The Committee was in agreement that another hearing was required. D. Whittemore will email the permit instructions.

Chairman Garretson discussed an issue with Mr. Johnson's second site off of Great Meadow Street that has been resolved. He received a call from an abutter who was concerned about loose material. Chairman Garretson also received a call regarding traffic on Fuller and Leonard Streets which has been resolved.


Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2019 at 7 pm in meeting room 4.

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

The meeting ended at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Darlene Whittemore, Earth Removal Secretary