# Earth Removal Committee Minutes of 3/30/16

In attendance: Chairman J. Garretson, M. Harrison R. Ieronimo,

J. Nauen and J. Shurtleff

Absent: D. Ward

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Garretson Review of previous meeting minutes:

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

Vote: 5 to 0

## **Decas Bogs Public Hearing:**

Public Hearing called to order 7:02 pm.

Iain Ward presented for the owner, Mr. Decas, and his property located off Mayflower Road. He explained the shortage of water and modest expansion to dig two bogs beside water holes where one is about 5 acres and the other at approximately 1/2 acre. The direction of truck traffic was discussed where it was determined that exiting left onto route 58 was the best option and line of sight. The amount to be removed was stated as approximately 150,000 yards by Mr. Ward. Chairman Garretson explained the exit route onto route 58 must be recognized regardless of a full or empty truck and to avoid exiting onto Tremont Street. It was discussed that exiting onto Tremont Street near Dunham Road was not feasible. Mr. John Woods inquired about a buffer and Mr. Scott Hannula informed that 10 feet would be provided. Chairman Garretson suggested working one area at a time to avoid runoff. Movement of water, winter flood draw off and the possible effects of the 1/2 acre portion of the project were discussed by the audience, the committee and Mr. Hannula. Chairman Garretson suggested well provisions in the Order of Conditions and to seek assistance from professionals in the field. Mr. Hannula requested to withdraw that portion of the project in order to discuss with Mr. Decas. Mr. Hannula

stated that cultural practices are better for the farm and that the purpose of the request is for more storage capacity and not to pull of Dunham. Mr. Hannula also informed that the compost area of the property was closing. Signage was discussed where Mr. Woods suggested reaching out to the State for assistance. Mr. Woods also expressed his concern over proper of rules of the road by the truck traffic and Mr. Hannula introduced Mr. Ryan Vlaco representing the trucking company used for the project. Chairman Garretson and Mr. Hannula discussed the truck traffic and it was decided that 50 trucks per day would be permitted. J. Nauen motioned to approve the permit for Decas Bogs for Site A and Site B on the plan with removal of 150,000 yards of material, 50 trucks per day, operating hours as Monday through Friday between 7 am to 4 pm being careful near the bus schedule to be provided and 7 am - 12 noon on Saturdays where site C would be continued at a later date seconded by B. Ieronimo and the remaining committee members were in agreement. Unanimous.

Vote: 5 to 0

End of hearing at 8:02 pm

## **Review of Earth Removal Account:**

The report was reviewed.

### **Spring site visit schedule:**

Chairman Garretson scheduled to visit the projects in South Carver for 4/9/16 at 8:30 am.

### **New Business:**

Mr. Judson Santarpia attended the hearing to learn about the process. He asked questions of the committee where D. Whittemore agreed to send him the instructions for the permit application and public hearing requirements. Mr. Judson will review the materials and possibly move forward for a hearing next month.

Chairman Garretson stated that Mr. Hannula requested an expansion of his project to increase tailwater and decrease his reliance on Sampson's Pond for an additional 130 thousand yards of additional material. B.

Ieronimo motioned to approve the environmental expansion for the Oiva Hannula permit seconded by J. Nauen and the remaining members were in agreement.

Vote 5 to 0

The next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2016 at 7 pm.

### Adjourn:

J. Shurtleff motioned to adjourn the meeting, M. Harrison seconded the motioned and the remaining members were in agreement. Unanimous. Vote: 5 to 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Whittemore, Earth Removal Secretary