# Earth Removal Committee Minutes of 9/29/21

In attendance: Chairman Ieronimo, W. Garnett, M. Harrison, J. Nauen,

& D. Ward

Absent: J. Shurtleff

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

# <u>Cedar Meadow Cranberry Inc. Public Hearing Map 120 Lot 5 for an earth removal permit</u>

Chairman Ieronimo stated the property information and request for 149,353 cu yards of material to remove. Mr. Mark Flaherty of Flaherty and Stefani of Plymouth stated that Mr. Eric Pontiff requires to expand the area for a tailwater recovery pond for his 40 acre of bogs and would like to access trucks from South Meadow Road near the power lines which is buffered with an eight foot fence over a years time. Mr. Pontiffs neighbor, Edgewater Bogs controls South Meadow Pond located upstream and plans to take the water off line and utilize for his operation after this years season. Mr. Flaherty stated that there would no longer be sufficient water needed for flooding for harvesting and winter control. He further stated that Conservation reviewed and indicated that the Cranberry Industry is exempt for filing a notice of intent. The request is for 10.8 acres of pond. Chairman Ieronimo inquired about depth and the hill being eliminated and Mr. Flaherty's response was for 10 feet of depth where no hill was in existence. Chairman Ieronimo stated the need for watering trucks for dust control. Chairman Ieronimo also stated the first 100 feet to consist of recycled material going onto South Meadow Road. Mr. Harrison inquired about existing trees and Mr. Flaherty responded that mostly mixed with maple and oak in the open area, scrub. Mr. Ward inquired about the flow of water changing direction; Mr. Flaherty stated that they will take it and drop it back. Mr. Ward stated the Committee likes to see the need from the Cranberry growers for the water and if the Committee required a site visit. Chairman Ieronimo stated that he would like to take a vote this evening. Mr. Harrison inquired about the time frame and total yardage 145,000 over a one year basis. Chairman Ieronimo inquired about the number of trucks requested. Mr. Flaherty stated 145,000 in one years time with a 40 truck

request. Chairman Ieronimo stated a year on the permit and that it would be reviewed after that time. Good line of site both directions. Mr. Ward motioned to approve the permit based on restrictions and cautions in the order of conditions, Mr. Garnett seconded the motion and the remaining members were in agreement. Unanimous. Permit number 101 Vote 5 to 0

#### Eric and Elaine Weston Public Hearing Map 48 Lots 8 part of 2-0

Chairman Ieronimo announced the public hearing. Mr. Eric Weston stated his application for earth removal for his property located adjacent to the bogs between Fuller and Plymouth Streets behind Leonard Street. He stated that he never acted upon the project 11 years ago and us revisiting the original plan based on requesting an expansion water hole and bypass canal. He stated that he is working with the NRCS farm plan and that he had damage to his crop as he ran out of water needed for frost protection. He further stated that he would like to increase his efficiency by expansion to the water. He described the plan as 3 to 1 sloping with a 50 foot setback and 2 to 1 as is gets lower toward the end with the intent to save some material for renovation and future sanding. Storage capability; yes. Discussion ensued regarding the truck traffic flow. Mr. Weston discussed the wood road across property exiting out near Ouickies as a common entrance and that he has frontage on Plymouth Street. Mr. Nauen inquired about yardage and Mr. Weston responded with 100,000 to 120,000 cubic yards of material. Discussion of truck traffic by Committee. Chairman Ieronimo questioned the Committee if they felt it necessary to visit; the Committee was familiar with the area. Mr. Garnett inquired about the boundaries and acreage of water to add; Mr. Weston responded 1.1 to 6 acre. Chairman Ieronimo stated that 50 trucks would be too much for the road and stated that 35 would be the limit however the number could be increased by 5 in the future upon review and he also stated the depth to be 10-15 feet and reviewed if necessary. Potential collaboration with other Cranberry grower neighbors. Chairman Ieronimo stated Plymouth Street east as the entrance, Plymouth Street west as the exit. Chairman Ieronimo stated that Saturday hours would not be permitted as the road is heavily travelled with the motor cross on the weekends. Mr. Nauen motioned to approve the application for excavation for a reservoir off of Plymouth

Street, Mr. Ward seconded and the remaining members were in agreement. Permit number 102 VOTE 5 to 0

#### Review minutes of last meeting and possible vote

Mr. Ward motioned to approve the minutes of August 25, 2021 as written; Mr. Harrison seconded his motion.

Vote: 5 to 0

# Inspection site visits discussion with Committee SLT off Spring Street, Foley off Rochester Road

Chairman Ieronimo stated that SLT was not visited, that the Cranebrook site was visited on September 18th and reported as completed. Mr. Harrison suggested issuing a permit closure form. Chairman Ieroimo stated the Edgewood bog used a majority of material to rebuild their bogs out front where a few loads went to the other side; internal use. Mr. Foley was 3/4 complete and the project looked favorable where only the left side hydro seeding remained and was scheduled to be completed that week.

### Review of Earth Removal account and new/updated documents

Chairman Ieronimo stated that monthly truck sheets have been updated to include permit #'s, approved yardage and remaining yardage. He stated that there is more paperwork however the payments will remain submitted as quarterly. Discussion ensued regarding the proper tracking of commercial vs. non commercial permits.

### Discussion of ERC computer and printer possible vote

Chairman Ieronimo inquired to the Committee if they would agree to purchase of a lap top and printer for the use of Earth Removal Committee business. Mr. Ward motioned to approve the purchase, Mr. Nauen seconded the motion and the remaining members were in agreement.

VOTE 5 to 0

### Set next meeting and adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2021 at 7 pm.

Mr. Nauen motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ward Unanimous. VOTE: 5 to 0

The meeting ended at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Whittemore, Earth Removal Secretary

