

Earth Removal Committee
Minutes of 7/1/20

In attendance: Chairman J. Garretson, R. Ieronimo,
J. Nauen & J. Shurtleff

Absent: M. Harrison & D. Ward

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

Minutes of previous Meetings

Mr. Ieronimo motioned to approve the Minutes of 12/18/19 as written, Mr. Nauen seconded his motion and the remaining Committee Members were in agreement with exception of Mr. Shurtleff who abstained.

Vote: 3 to 1 (abstention)

Mr. Shurtleff motioned to approve the Minutes of 1/29/20 as written, Mr. Nauen seconded his motion and the remaining Committee Members were in agreement with exception of Mr. Shurtleff who abstained.

Vote: 3 to 1

Public Hearing: Foley 0 off Rochester Road

Mr. Grady of Grady Consulting, L.L.C opened the discussion by stating the purpose for Mr. Foley and Ms. Foley's permit request was for the removal of 62,000 cubic yards of material to create a blueberry farm. He presented the plan which detail the cuts of material, proposed grades, and irrigation which will result in 2000 blueberry bushes. He further stated that Mr. Foley received the right to access Rochester Road and that they request 50 trucks per day with a random dispersal of traffic turning left and right. Chairman Garretson inquired about the maximum height of cutting and Mr. Grady responded by stating the highest point as 25 feet with a 3 to 1 slope. Chairman Garretson informed him to ensure safety while working the face. Chairman Garretson requested to be contacted if stump grinders or tromals are to be used on site and to avoid Indian Road and that the hours of operation are Monday - Friday 7 - 4 pm and Saturday 7 to noon and to recognize the bus schedule. Mr. Foley stated that he forecasts the project to be completed in a year.

Mr. Nauen motioned to approve the permit as per the discussed conditions, Mr. Ieronimo seconded the motion and Mr. Shurtleff recused.
Vote: 3 to 1

The hearing ended at 7:27 pm.

Review of Earth Removal Account

Chairman Garretson and Darlene Whittemore stated that the replacement check for the quarterly payments for Mr. Van Johnson were received at Town Hall in December and deposited into our account.

Activity Discussion

Chairman Garretson stated to the audience that Mr. Johnson was due to arrive at 7:30 pm and that the Committee discussed a solution toward solving the problem. Mr. Ieronimo suggested the screening plant to be moved down below. Chairman Garretson stated that Mr. Johnson has been informed to remove the piles and spread loam with rye grass by July 31, 2020. Chairman Garretson stated that getting the grass to grow will be difficult and requires a fast growing seed. He also stated that dust control measures are in place. A Resident inquired about consequences if Mr. Johnson does not comply? Chairman Garretson stated that a fine can be levied and the project could be stopped but that it would not remedy the problem. Further discussion ensued regarding noise after the hours of operation, use of watering trucks, unannounced site visits, the end goal of a retention pond, noise reduction with the screening plant being relocated to a lower surface and the five year period dealing with issues. The residents expressed their concern and frustration having to call numerous times and their property values and way of life have been affected and that they will ask for assistance from the DEP if necessary. Chairman Garretson stated that August 1st will determine the next step. Mr. Ieronimo volunteered to make a weekly site visit during the month of July to assess progress. Chairman Garretson stated that the Committee does not have jurisdiction over agricultural practices. Chairman Garretson stated that the Committee can do a conditional permit and that he will keep them informed. A resident expressed his concern over daily dirt bikes noise and Chairman Garretson informed him that was an Environmental Police jurisdiction and suggested calling the Carver Police Department. Chairman Garretson stated that he would write a letter and deliver it on Monday.

Spring site visit schedule

none

New Business

Chairman Garretson stated a complaint in North Carver regarding the SLT site. He further discussed that material from route 44 were piled up on site and were stripped all night. He discussed with Jason of SLT who informed that he thought the responsible party contacted the Town of Carver for permission. This problem was resolved.

Chairman Garretson stated another issue from a woman in Kingston at the screening plant on the back side of the Gary Weston Site; the resident resides in Kingston, the plant in Plymouth and Carver is not involved.

Adjourn

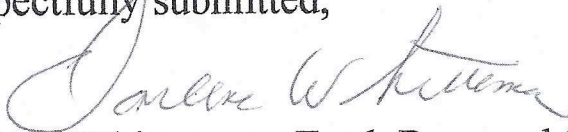
The next meeting is scheduled for July 8th at 7 pm in the Carver Middle School Auditorium.

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

Vote: 4 to 0

The meeting ended at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Darlene Whittemore, Earth Removal Secretary