

Earth Removal Committee
Minutes of 8/24/20

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

Absent: J. Shurtleff

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Johnson Site determination

Chairman Garretson stated that he and Mr. Ieronimo visited the site on Thursday August 20, 2020 regarding the remediation action. Chairman Garretson read the letter dated July 2, 2020 to Mr. Johnson and the audience.

Mr. Johnson stated that he moved the screening and material, seeded and begun watering. He watered the grass and roads this morning and watered when he felt it necessary. Chairman Garretson inquired about earth material and he responded by stating that he removed two loads of sand and a little loam which resulted in a reduction close to below the plateau. Ms. Jerrier stated that the dust had improved. Mr. Johnson stated that screening will increase as material is moved to create the hole. Ms. Jerrier inquired why the hole was not created sooner and why is it taking five years. Mr. Johnson explained that the economic conditions play a role in production and he does not know how long it will take to complete the project. Chairman Garretson stated that Mr. Johnson is trying to make the project tolerable so that he can service his bog. Discussion ensued regarding the three phases of the project and confirmed that Mr. Johnson has completed 1/2 of phase one. Mr. Johnson stated that he only has one truck and this is considered a smaller operation. Chairman Garretson stated that Mr. Johnson corresponded to the NRCS (Agricultural Service) who drew up plans to assist his farm as self sufficient with a natural water supply by creating retention ponds and eventually have a pumping system.

Chairman Garretson stated that he would like to renew the permit this evening and indicated that future meetings are available. Ms. Jerrier stated that she would like to see the conditions for continuance. She

stated her concern over a stump dump relating to the berm. Chairman Garretson stated that growth will occur and that the stumps are not hazardous. There was a consensus that the noise level has been reduced by the movement of the screening plant to a lower level. Ms. Jerrier stated that she would like to see the watering efforts continue. Chairman Garretson stated that Mr. Johnson has made a good faith effort toward remedying the issues. Chairman Garretson stated that he would provide the residents with the existing permit and renewal once it is executed. Mr. Ieronimo stated that the Committee can continue to monitor the site every couple of weeks.

Mr. Nauen motioned to continue the old permit with the new conditions as described in the August 6, 2020 letter; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. Mr. Ward recused himself.

VOTE 4 to 1

Minutes of previous Meetings

Mr. Nauen motioned to approve the Minutes of 7/9/20 as written; Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. Mr. Ward recused himself.

VOTE 4 to 1

Mr. Harrison motioned to approve the minutes of 8/6/20 as written; Mr. Nauen seconded the motion.

VOTE 3 to 2 (Mr. Ieronimo and Mr. Ward abstained)

Review of Earth Removal Account

Chairman Garretson to contact Mr. Jake Arnold and Mr. Gregory Arnold regarding their project status.

Activity Discussion

Chairman Garretson the he would like to schedule site visits in November and December. He stated that Mr. Gary Weston of Franklin Marsh has begun movement on the Carver side of the project and that he contacted him regarding movement through Lakenham. Chairman Garretson was contacted by a resident near Leonard and Fuller Street. He followed up with the local authorities to monitor the area.

New Business

none

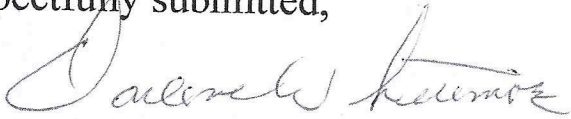
Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for November 10th at 7 pm in the Selectmen's Office.

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

The meeting ended at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Darlene Whittemore".

Darlene Whittemore, Earth Removal Secretary