# Earth Removal Committee Minutes of 7/27/16

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

J. Nauen, J. Shurtleff and D. Ward

Absent:

Residents were in attendence

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairman Garretson J. Nauen arrived at 7:19 pm M. Harrison arrived at 7:36 pm

**Review of previous meeting minutes:** 

D. Ward motioned to approve minutes of 6/29/16 as written, seconded by G. Garreston.

Vote: 2 - 0 - 2 (Abstentions: R. Ieronimo and J. Shurtleff)

## Review of Permit activity at Silva Street:

Chairman Garretson informed the residents that the Committee visited the Vaughan property on July 2, 2106 and that the permit was ongoing for a few years. He stated he addressed the berm operation, noise and dust issues. He also indicated that the purpose for the permit was to allow water expansion for an organic garden where he now has 100 x 200 feet to pump. The Committee was under the impression that it would be of a shorter time frame and they discussed placing a deadline for the end of September. Chairman Garretson also stated that the DEP contacted him regarding the project and that he is waiting for a report. He also informed them that he would be happy to assist with their concerns and that he addressed Saturday activity with Mr. Vaughan. The back area is expected to be completed by September 28th but the remainder near the power line and berm may continue for safety purposes. Resident Sarah Radeszewski stated that she attended the original meeting and that she doesn't feel that the project is of an organic garden. Discussion over excavation, truck traffic and the time frame for the project continued. Chairman Garretson explained the permit process and how the funding assists the community with road repair. It was

mentioned that a fair amount of material needs to be moved to the front and that Mr. Vaughan is under jurisdiction once the trucks hit the pavement. Discussion of Sarah's well was prompted by D. Ward which was followed by discussion regarding a buffer and sloping with the possibility to change from a 3-1 to a 2-1 ratio where some material can be placed back. Sarah will check her paperwork regarding her well. Denise DeLuca stated her concern over a drop as opposed to a slope at the watering hole and that she has seen people swimming. James Rodgers also expressed his concern over the swimming in the hole and that the community should be aware. Chairman Garretson discussed the goal of not having the permit continue for a long period of time and that he would address the issues with Mr. Vaughan. Discussion of a buildable lot prompted by Denise DeLuca where it was mentioned that once land contains water that it becomes a wetland. James Rogers inquired about a pump station and Chairman Garretson informed him that there is a small pump that is five to ten horsepower and maybe electric. Chairman Garreston informed the residents that he would address their concerns and safety and follow up with a phone call.

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

None to report

## **New Business:**

Scott Hannula and Iain Ward were present and discussed their intention to cancel their original proposed expansion known as site area C. Scott Hannula updated on the production of the active portions of the project and stated that he would like to create a new tail water which would also benefit neighbor relations. Decas is currently pumping and re charging and he stated the substitution will eliminate the need for the other. Chairman Garretson inquired on the location and Scott Hannula confimed to start another corner with a minimal set back using an old haul road. Buffer zone was discussed along with strategies to get to the other side of Mayflower Road. The Committee discussed the strategy to address the change of the original permit. D. Ward motioned to hold a new hearing, seconded by J. Shurtleff and the remaining members were in agreement. Unanimous.

Vote: 6 - 0

Discussion over the Hannula Permit and Mr. Rogers situation at his bog. Chairman Garretson and B. Ieronimo will visit Wayne Vaughan's property Friday morning, July 29, 2016.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 31st at 7 pm.

#### Adjourn:

D. Ward motioned to adjourn the meeting, B. Ieronimo seconded the motioned and the remaining members were in agreement. Unanimous. Vote: 6 to 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Whittemore, Earth Removal Secretary