

**EARTH REMOVAL STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 5, 2013
MINUTES**

Chairman Perkins called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Members present: Perkins, Delaney & Hanninen

Members absent: Capes & Swezey

PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 198 of the Code of Groton, the Earth Removal Stormwater Advisory Committee held a public hearing to consider the following revisions to Chapter 352 of the Code of the Town of Groton, Section 352-3 Fees. Chairman Perkins read the notice published in the January 18 and 25, 2013 issues of the *Groton Herald*.

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE
EARTH REMOVAL STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULATIONS**

Strike out the existing section 352-3 Fees which reads as follows:

§ 352-3. Filing fees.

- A. Full land disturbance permit. There are two filing fees for a full land disturbance permit:
 - (1) Administrative fee of \$150 (check payable to the Town of Groton) to cover the costs to the Town associated with administration of the application. This fee is deposited into the Town's general fund.
 - (2) The project review fee of \$350 (check payable to the Town of Groton) to cover the costs of technical expertise required in the review of the application. This fee is deposited into a revolving fund established for this purpose.
- B. Limited land disturbance permit. The filing fee for the limited land disturbance permit is an administrative fee of \$50 (check payable to the Town of Groton). There is no project review fee unless the Committee determines that technical expertise is required to review the application.

Replace it with the proposed Section 352-3 which reads as follows:

§ 352-3. Filing fees.

- A. Full Stormwater Permit. The filing fee for administration (public hearing notice and mailings) and project review fee of a Full Stormwater Permit is \$750.00, check made payable to the Town of Groton. This fee is deposited into a revolving fund established for this purpose.
- B. Limited Stormwater Permit. The filing fee for administration (public hearing notice and mailings) of a Limited Stormwater Permit is \$75.00, check made payable to the Town of Groton. This fee is deposited into a revolving fund established for this purpose. There is no project review fee unless the Committee determines that technical expertise is required to review the application.
- C. Additional Costs. If the cost for the consultant to review the project exceeds the amount deposited into the revolving fund, the applicant is responsible for reimbursing the Town for the additional costs.

The Committee shall utilize the following procedure:

1. Request a written estimate from the consultant on the cost to review the project including cost to attend meetings with the design engineer and public hearing(s), if necessary.
2. The Committee shall vote to accept the estimate with a provision that the cost to review the project shall not exceed the estimate without written approval from the Committee.
3. The Committee shall inform the applicant of the cost estimate for project review and of any additional costs that may be incurred.

Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector Michelle Collette said the fees have not been increased since 1998 when the original Erosion Control By-law was adopted. The cost of advertising public hearing notices and technical review has increased. The fees are deposited in a revolving fund to cover the cost of advertising and peer review.

There were no comments from the public. The Committee voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

The motion was made by Delaney, seconded by Hanninen, to adopt the revisions to the proposed revisions to the regulation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
Earth Removal/Stormwater Inspector