

EARTH REMOVAL STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

JULY 15, 2014

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

Members present: Perkins, Capes, Delaney, Hanninen & Swezey

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUATION – DAVID GILSON, HIGLEY STREET

The Committee held the continuation of the public hearing to consider the application submitted by David Gilson for a Limited Stormwater Permit to construct greenhouses on land owned by New England Forestry Foundation, located off Higley and Peabody Streets.

The Committee did a site walk on Saturday, July 12, 2014, to view the proposed project and grading changes. The existing knoll on the site will remain. The greenhouses will not have any slabs so there will be no impact on groundwater.

Mr. Gilson said he would add a culvert under the access road off Higley Street to mitigate any concerns about runoff reaching the road.

Member Hanninen asked Mr. Gilson to install crushed stone at the entrance to the site. Mr. Gilson agreed.

The Committee voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Swezey, to make the following Findings of Significance:

It has been determined that proper management of construction sites and post-development stormwater runoff will prevent damage to public and private property and infrastructure, safeguard the public health, safety, environment and general welfare, protect water and aquatic resources, promote groundwater recharge to protect surface and groundwater drinking supplies, and encourage the appropriate use of the land throughout the Town.

And to grant the permit with the following conditions:

1. Construction shall be done in accordance with the above-referenced plans.
2. The construction entrance shall be stabilized for a minimum distance of 50 ft as shown on the "Construction Entrance" detail from the "Massachusetts Erosion and Sediment Control Guidelines for Urban and Suburban Areas." The crushed stone shall be replenished as needed to prevent tracking sediment on the public way.
3. The applicant shall install a culvert at the entrance to the site off Higley Street with guidance from the DPW Director.
4. All work shall be done in compliance with the "Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection - Stormwater Management, Volume One: Stormwater Policy Handbook, and Volume Two: Stormwater Technical Handbook," dated February 2008.

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5. It is the applicant's responsibility to prevent the products of erosion and sedimentation from reaching Higley Street and causing a safety hazard on the public way. There shall be no net increase in runoff or erosion to the public ways, the municipal storm drain system, or abutting properties.
6. Work shall not go beyond the limits of disturbance staked in the field on July 12, 2014 when the Committee did a site walk. The stakes shall be maintained throughout construction to prevent any disturbance to the vegetation or topography beyond the limits of disturbance.
7. All disturbed areas and stockpiles must be properly stabilized. A supply of mulch hay shall be kept on site to stabilize disturbed areas.
8. The applicant shall take effective measures to control dust and windblown erosion at all times.
9. The applicant must submit any proposed change in the above referenced plans to the Earth Removal-Stormwater Advisory Committee for its review and approval before the change is implemented.
10. The removal of any excess earth material from the site requires a Certificate of Exemption from the Earth Removal By-law, Chapter 134 of the Code of the Town of Groton. Chapter 134, Section 10 Exemptions.
11. The applicant is responsible for obtaining any other permits (including but not limited to) those required by the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Building Inspector, DPW Director, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.
12. It is the applicant's responsibility to insure that the contents of this permit are made known to all contractors who perform work at this site.
13. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact Dig Safe prior to the commencement of any work at the site. The applicant is responsible for obtaining a trench permit, if required by G.L. c. 82A §1 and 520 CMR 7.00 et seq (as amended).
14. The applicant will notify the Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of construction.
15. If the project is not completed within two (2) years from the date the permit is issued, it is the responsibility of the applicant to request an extension. The Committee may grant extensions for additional time provided that the applicant submits a written request for renewal no later than 30 days prior to expiration of the permit.
16. This permit runs with the land and applies to any successor in interest or successor in control.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
Earth Removal/Stormwater Inspector