

**EARTH REMOVAL STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014  
MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Hanninen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Members present: Capes, Delaney, and Hanninen

Members absent: Perkins and Swezey

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

The Committee received a request for recommendations on the on-going earth removal operations on the Blood property on West Main Street and Black property on Burnt Meadow Road. Both operations are grandfathered and have operated continuously for many decades. Earth Removal inspector Michelle Collette said the level of activity is infrequent and there have been no complaints on either operation.

**Blood Earth Removal Permit** – The motion was made by Delaney, seconded by Capes, to recommend that the Board of Selectmen renew the Earth Removal Permit granted to Elliot Blood under the provisions of the Chapter 134 Earth Removal, Section 134-3B Existing Operations. The permit should include the standard conditions as outlined in the attached “Guidelines for Earth Removal Activities Under the Earth Removal By-law, Section IIIA – Existing Operations,” adopted by the Board of Selectmen on March 16, 1987. The motion passed unanimously.

**Black Earth Removal Permit** - The motion was made by Delaney, seconded by Capes, to recommend that the Board of Selectmen renew the Earth Removal Permit granted to Robert Black under the provisions of the Chapter 134 Earth Removal, Section 134-3B Existing Operations. The permit should include the standard conditions as outlined in the attached “Guidelines for Earth Removal Activities Under the Earth Removal By-law, Section IIIA – Existing Operations,” adopted by the Board of Selectmen on March 16, 1987. The motion passed unanimously.

**LOST LAKE STORMWATER ISSUES**

Alex Woodle of the Great Ponds Advisory Committee and Groton Lakes Association did a Power Point entitled, “Erosion & Stormwater Runoff at Lost Lake/Knops Pond 2014, Prepared by the Groton Lakes Association as Part of its Resource Management Plan.”

The slides depicted numerous stormwater runoff issues from public ways through the Lost Lake and Knops Pond area. The Groton Lakes Association would like to work with the Town DPW on a variety of stormwater management improvements such as installing leaching catch basins.

DPW Director Tom Delaney said he is aware of the problem areas and working on remediating the problems. However, the limited width of the right-of-way on most roads in the Lost Lake area makes it very difficult.

Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector Michelle Collette suggested starting with the Mountain Lakes Club property or the Groton Conservation Trust to improve stormwater runoff of their properties. The Community Preservation Committee is funding a \$170,000 project to address stormwater runoff at Sargisson Beach.

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Committee Members all agreed that public education is an important component of any solution and offered to co-sponsor a workshop with the Great Ponds Advisory Committee on stormwater management techniques for homeowners.

The Committee thanked Mr. Woodle for his time and thoughtful presentation.

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The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2014 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette  
Earth Removal/Stormwater Inspector