

**EARTH REMOVAL STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 21, 2014
MINUTES**

Chairman Perkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Members present: Perkins, Capes, Delaney, and Hanninen

Members absent: Swezey

CONTRACT WITH NITSCH ENGINEERING

The Committee reviewed the Scope of Services dated October 9, 2014 from Nitsch Engineering for drafting revisions to the Stormwater Management Regulations. The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Capes, to accept the October 9, 2014 Scope of Services from Nitsch Engineering in the amount of \$5000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McGivern of Nitsch Engineering described the problems with the existing Stormwater Regulations that are not consistent with the Planning Board or Conservation Commission regulations. Such inconsistencies result in multiple requests for waivers from applicants. The Planning Board typically defers to the Earth Removal Stormwater Advisory Committee when reviewing stormwater management component of projects. Committee members all agreed that a goal of revising the regulations is to have one set of Regulations to resolve the inconsistencies.

Earth Removal/Stormwater Inspector Michelle Collette said an important area to be addressed is redevelopment sites. The existing regulations say such sites must be based upon pre-existing natural conditions rather than existing conditions. This performance standard is very difficult for many projects to meet.

DPW Director Tom Delaney said it is important to be consistent with the Commonwealth's Stormwater Management Policies. The Operating and Maintenance plans must have low maintenance requirements, and the committee must have enforcement tools to require regular maintenance. Mr. McGivern suggested requiring long-term escrow accounts to cover maintenance.

The Committee will circulate a draft of the proposed revisions to the regulations to other Town Departments and to local design engineers for review and comment before holding a public hearing to adopt the regulations.

THEALL, 197 MAPLE AVENUE

The Committee met with Mr. Aubrey Theall to discuss ponding on Maple Avenue from his newly constructed house lot at 197 Maple Avenue. DPW Director Tom Delaney submitted photographs of the ponding under a recent 2" storm. Mr. Theall said Applewood Construction installed erosion control measures as required in Stormwater Permit #2013-04. The erosion control will remain in place until the lawn is stabilized. The Committee said correcting the problem will require more than erosion control

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The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Capes, to send a letter informing the contractor and the site engineer that the site is not in compliance with the Stormwater Management Permit and requiring the submission of a design solution no later than the Committee's November 18, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
Earth Removal/Stormwater Inspector