

**EARTH REMOVAL STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 18, 2014
MINUTES**

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

Members present: Perkins, Capes, Hanninen, and Swezey

Member absent: Delaney

UPDATE – 197 MAPLE AVENUE FLOODING

The Committee received a letter dated November 12, 2014 from Applewood Construction, developer of the house lot at 197 Maple Avenue, in response to the Request for Compliance letter dated October 22, 2014 from the Committee to homeowner Aubrey Theall. The contractor said the flooding on Maple Avenue was a result of paving and grading done by the Town rather than the development of the lot at 197 Maple Avenue.

The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Swezey, to request that Nitsch Engineering inspect the site with DPW Director Tom Delaney during a rainstorm, if possible. The motion passed unanimously.

REVISIONS TO STORMWATER REGULATIONS

The Committee met with Tim McGivern of Nitsch Engineering to review draft revisions to the Stormwater Regulations. Mr. McGivern prepared the following list of sections of the Code of the Town of Groton that include stormwater requirements:

1. Chapter 154: Illicit Discharges to Municipal Separate Storm Drain System
2. Chapter 198: Stormwater Management Bylaw
3. Chapter 218: Zoning By-Laws
 - Section 218-25.G.(2)(d) Site Plan Review Submission requirements Level II
 - Section 218-25.H.(e) Site Plan Review Decisions;
 - Section 218-26.P. Flexible Development – Stormwater reference to Subdivision Regulations;
 - Section 218-27.B.(4)(f)[6] Multifamily Use, Subsidized Elderly Housing, Design
 - Section 218-30.F.(4)(b)[4] Water Resource Protection Overlay District, Special Permit Procedures, Submittals;
 - Section 218-30.2.D.(6) Station Avenue Overlay District Development standards
4. Chapter 235: Driveways, Section 235-7 Drainage
5. Chapter 352: Earth Removal Advisory Committee Regulations
 - Section 352-6 through Section 352-21 (Article II Stormwater Design Criteria)

6. Chapter 381: Planning Board Regulations
 - Section 381-11. Stormwater Management
 - Section 381-40.C. Site Plan Review, Level II requirements, Stormwater Management;
 - Section 381-50. Station Avenue Overlay District, LID Design Standards, General standards;
 - Section 381-51. Station Avenue Overlay District, LID Design Standards, Specific system design guidelines.

7. Chapter 344: Conservation Commission
 - Section 344-19.C. Subdivision roadways
 - Section 344-19.H. Stormwater runoff best management practices

8. Station Avenue Overlay District Priority Development Site Guidebook

The Committee noted that Section 352-1 Soil Erosion and Sediment Control should be removed from the regulations because it predates Chapter 198 Stormwater Management By-law adopted in 2006. Section 352-1 refers to the previous Chapter 198 Soil Erosion and Sediment Control By-law in effect from 1998-2006.

The Committee discussed Mr. McGivern's suggestion that an annual "Operation and Maintenance Permit" be required for certain projects with the permit fee equal to the annual budget listed in the approved operation and maintenance plan. Committee members said they would like a legal opinion on including such a requirement.

The Committee will meet with other Town Departments to discuss the proposed revisions to the regulations and invite them to participate in the process. The Committee will meet with Tim McGivern on February 3, 2014.

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The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 21, 2014 and October 28, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
Earth Removal/Stormwater Inspector