

**EARTH REMOVAL STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016, 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

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

Members present: Perkins, Capes, and Hanninen

Member absent: Delaney

PUBLIC HEARING – FOREST RIVER HOME BUILDERS, 441 OLD AYER ROAD, STORMWATER PERMIT

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 application submitted by Forest River Home Builders, LLC, for a Limited Stormwater Management Permit to construct a single-family house, driveway, sewerage disposal system and associated grading as shown on the plan entitled, "Subsurface Sewage Disposal, New Construction, Site Plan and Flow Profile, Lot 34 Snake Hill Road, Groton, MA," prepared by GPR, Inc., dated September 2015, revised October 14, 2015. The proposed project is located on land owned by the Richard R., Steven H. & Beverly B. Smith, Assessors' Map 221, Parcel 30, located on the easterly side of Old Ayer Road and southerly side of Snake Hill Road.

Chairman Perkins called the public hearing to order and read the notice published in the December 18, 2015 issue of the *Groton Herald*. Landowner Steven Smith and applicant Philip D'Amour were present.

Mr. D'Amour presented the plans to construct a single-family house, driveway, and sewage disposal system on Lot 3A located at the intersection of Old Ayer Road and Snake Hill Road. The driveway will come off Old Ayer Road, not Snake Hill Road as shown on the plan submitted with the application. A foundation drain will be installed with crushed stone at the outlet. Erosion control will be installed at the base of the slope.

The Committee voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Capes, that the proposed project is significant to the interests stated in Chapter 198, Section 1 Purposes, including:

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, as amended by the applicant at the public hearing on January 5, 2016, showing the driveway on Old Ayer Road.
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. 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.
4. It is the applicant's responsibility to prevent the products of erosion and sedimentation from reaching Old Ayer Road or Snake Hill Road 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.
5. Work shall not go beyond the limits of disturbance shown on the above-referenced plan. The stakes shall be maintained throughout construction to prevent any disturbance to the vegetation or topography beyond the limits of disturbance.
6. All disturbed areas and stockpiles must be properly stabilized. Stabilization material shall be kept on site to stabilize disturbed areas.
7. Erosion control shall be installed at the toe of the slope between the sewage disposal system and Old Ayer Road. Rip-rap shall be installed at the outlet of the foundation drain ("FD") shown on the plan.
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.

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16. This permit runs with the land and applies to any successor in interest or successor in control.

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector