

**EARTH REMOVAL STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016, 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

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

Members present: Perkins, Capes, Delaney, Hanninen, and McHugh

PUBLIC HEARING – INDIAN HILL MUSIC STORMWATER PERMIT

The Earth Removal Stormwater Advisory Committee held the continuation of the public hearing to consider the application submitted by Indian Hill Music for a Full Stormwater Management Permit for Phase 2 construction as shown on the plan entitled, "Plans to Accompany Permit Applications for the Music Center at Indian Hill – Phase 2, Old Ayer Road, Groton, Massachusetts" prepared by Beals Associates, Inc., dated September 14, 2016. The proposed music center will be located at 122 Old Ayer Road, Assessors' Map 222, Parcel 55, on the westerly side of Old Ayer Road.

Indian Hill Music Project Manager Gary Shepherd, design engineers Todd Morey and Deven Howe of Beals Associates were present.

Mr. Morey presented proposed revisions to the stormwater management system as a result of the Conservation Commission's public hearing. Commission members questioned the proposed increase in runoff to wetlands to the south and decrease in runoff to wetlands to the east. The Commission requested that the applicant find a way to balance runoff. Mr. Morey said the proposed revisions address the Commission's concerns and the runoff is now balanced for the 100-year storm. The changes include a reduction in the size of the underground infiltration system and an increase in the size of the open pond (wet basin) closest to Old Ayer Road. The rise in the water level has been reduced from 3/4" to 3/16" with a balanced flow.

Mr. Morey responded to comments in the Nitsch Engineering report dated October 17, 2016. The details on water quality will be provided in the calculations. The runoff pathways and details on the open pond will be clarified. The limit of work line has been added to the plan. Steep slopes will be stabilized with erosion control. The slope is 2:1 in only one area and all other slopes are 3:1.

Mr. Morey said he disagrees with Nitsch's recommendation that the open pond be fenced and that pest control is needed. He said they will present alternatives at the next public hearing.

Member McHugh said the pond is close to the road so the open pond may be a liability. She asked that the applicant find a solution that would blend in aesthetically.

Abutter Steve Robertson requested additional screening with the increased size of the open pond. Mr. Morey said the area is an open meadow and the applicant would like the area to remain open. Mr. Robertson said he would still like to have additional trees planted in this area.

The Committee voted unanimously to continue the public hearing on November 29, 2016 at 7 PM.

PEDIATRICS WEST, 120 BOSTON ROAD

The Committee received a request for a Certificate of Completion for Pediatrics West at 120 Boston Road and certification on the as-built plan prepared by design engineer Ducharme and Dillis Civil Design Group.

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The motion was made by Delaney, seconded by McHugh, to issue the Certification of Completion subject to final inspection. Stormwater Inspector Michelle Collette and DPW Director/Committee Member Michelle Collette will inspect the site again this week.

REEDY MEADOW ESTATES SUBDIVISION

The Committee received a request for an extension for the Reedy Meadow Estates subdivision. The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Perkins, to grant a two-year extension for the Reedy Meadow Estates subdivision. The motion passed unanimously.

NRRT KIOSK

Stormwater Inspector Michelle Collette reported that the Friends of the Nashua River Rail Trail and Squannacook River Rail Trail would like to install new display on the kiosk at the end of Station Avenue. Ms. Collette said part of the kiosk will be used by the Groton Historical Society.

The Committee agreed that both organizations could utilize the kiosk with the provision that the Committee review and approved the displays prior to installation.

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The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 4, 2016 and October 18, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector