

**EARTH REMOVAL STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020, 7:00 PM  
MINUTES**

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

Members present: Edward Perkins, George Barringer, Tom Delaney, Bob Hanninen, and Eileen McHugh

**PUBLIC HEARING – GROTON SCHOOL DINING HALL PARKING**

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 for a Limited Stormwater Management Permit submitted by Groton School to reconfigure the existing service access and parking lot as shown on the plan entitled, "Site Plan, Groton, MA, Groton School," prepared by Ducharme & Dillis Civil Design Group, dated March 23, 2020. The proposed project will be located at 282 Farmers Row, Assessors' Map 219, Parcel 9, on the westerly side of Farmers Row.

Chairman Perkins called the public hearing to order by reading the notice published in the April 24, 2020 issue of the *Groton Herald*. Attorney Robert Collins represented the applicant remotely at the public hearing.

Mr. Collins described the proposed expansion of the existing parking lot at the Groton School dining hall. Five additional parking spaces will be added – three for compact cars and two for electric vehicles. The changes to the parking lot will improve access for emergency vehicles and delivery trucks. There are no stormwater measures in place now, so the parking lot expansion will include installation of an LID stormwater management system as shown on the plan. The infiltration area will look like a lawn. The Historic Districts Commission reviewed and approved the plan.

The Committee voted to close the public hearing by roll call vote with Perkins, McHugh, Hanninen, and Delaney in favor; Barringer abstaining.

The motion was made by Perkins, seconded by Hanninen, to grant the permit with the following findings and conditions:

**Finding of Significance**

The Earth Removal Advisory Committee determined 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.*

**Special conditions:**

1. Construction shall be done in accordance with the above-referenced plans.

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, as needed.
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 Farmers Row 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. A supply of erosion control material shall be kept on site to stabilize disturbed areas.
7. The applicant shall take effective measures to control dust and windblown erosion at all times.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the contents of this permit are made known to all contractors who perform work at this site.
12. 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).
13. The applicant will notify the Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of construction. Erosion control measures shall be in place prior to the 48-hour notice to the Stormwater Inspector.

14. If the project is not completed within three (3) 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.

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

The motion passed by roll call vote with Perkins, McHugh, Hanninen, and Delaney in favor; Barringer abstaining.

**PUBLIC HEARING – BLIEDEN, 118 WHILEY ROAD**

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 for a Limited Stormwater Management Permit submitted by Robert Prescott to construct a new detached garage with associated grading as shown on the sketch plans submitted with the application. The proposed project will be located on property owned by Ira Blieden, 118 Whiley Road, on Assessors' Map 132, Parcel 26, on the easterly side of Whiley Road.

Chairman Perkins called the public hearing to order by reading the notice published in the April 24, 2020 issue of the *Groton Herald*. Mr. Blieden participated remotely at the hearing.

Mr. Blieden described his plan to construct a new garage in his backyard. The area must be regraded prior to construction of the 28 'x 40' detached garage. No earth material will be removed from the site. Mr. Blieden gave the Committee a virtual tour of his yard to show the area to be disturbed for construction.

The Committee voted to close the public hearing by roll call vote with Perkins, McHugh, Hanninen, and Delaney in favor; Barringer abstaining.

The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by McHugh, to grant the permit with the following findings and conditions:

The Earth Removal Advisory Committee determined 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.*

**Special conditions:**

1. Construction shall be done in accordance with the above-referenced plans.
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 Whiley Road or Duck Pond Drive 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. A supply of erosion control material shall be kept on site to stabilize disturbed areas.
7. The applicant shall take effective measures to control dust and windblown erosion at all times.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the contents of this permit are made known to all contractors who perform work at this site.
12. 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).
13. The applicant will notify the Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of construction. Erosion control measures shall be in place prior to the 48-hour notice to the Stormwater Inspector.
14. If the project is not completed within three (3) 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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The motion passed by roll call vote with Perkins, McHugh, Hanninen, and Delaney in favor; Barringer abstaining.

**HALEY PROPERTY, 59 LONG HILL ROAD**

The Committee received a letter dated April 28, 2020, and proposed plan from engineer Matt Watermann of LandTech Associates regarding construction of a new riding area and horse shelters on property owned by Danielle Haley, at 59 Long Hill Road. The amount of land disturbance will be 14,972 square feet as stated in Mr. Watermann's letter.

The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by McHugh, to accept the plan and engineer's certification for 59 Long Hill Road and to determine that a Stormwater Management Permit is not required.

The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Perkins, Barringer, McHugh, Hanninen, and Delaney in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette

Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector