

**EARTH REMOVAL STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020, 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Chairwoman McHugh called the virtual meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

OLIVIA WAY PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee met with developer Peter Cricones and residents of Olivia Way to discuss progress on the stormwater system mitigation plan. Committee Member Barringer expressed concern that catch basins #19 and 21 which are not at grade with the adjacent sidewalk. This will result in sidewalk flooding during rain events. The Committee agreed that design engineer, Doug Lees, is responsible for designing a solution prior to paving.

Chairwoman McHugh reported that the Conservation Commission will walk the site to view the wet basin on conservation land to be sure it is properly seeded and that appropriate wetland vegetation has been planted.

Resident Channing Lambert, 10 Olivia Way, said he is also concerned about the catch basin elevations and possible sidewalk flooding as noted by Member Barringer.

Angela George, 13 Olivia Way, expressed concerns about the culvert openings becoming a safety hazard for small children and wildlife. She requested that some type of cover be installed. Stormwater Inspector Michelle Collette said the Stormwater Regulations, section 352-24, specify that "racks" be installed at the end of the culverts.

Elizabeth Esielonis, 3 Olivia Way, said the work on the swale on her property is making good progress.

Mr. Cricones said he would fix the catch basins and sidewalk, put rebar at the end of the culverts, seed and install wetlands plants in the pond as soon as possible.

PUBLIC HEARING – CHESTNUT HILLS FARM, MARTINS POND ROAD & ORCHARD LANE

The Earth Removal Stormwater Advisory Committee held the continuation of the public hearing to consider the application for a Full Stormwater Management Permit submitted by John Guinee, Chestnut Hills Farm, LLC, for the redevelopment of the site located off Orchard Lane. The construction will consist of a single-family home with an associated driveway, garage, pool and sewage disposal system as shown on the plan entitled, "Stormwater Permit Plan, Martins Pond Road, Groton, Massachusetts," prepared by Ducharme & Dillis Civil Design Group, dated July 13, 2020.

The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Barringer, to continue the public hearing on October 6, 2020 at 7:30 PM. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Barringer, Perkins, Hanninen, and McHugh in favor.

MS4 ENTERPRISE FUND UPDATE

Member Delaney reported that Select Board Members Degen and Pine are not in favor of hiring a full time employee at this time for the MS4 program. They suggested hiring a person who would work half

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time for MS4 and half time for DPW. Mr. Delaney said he will call engineer Bob Rafferty of Environmental Partners to see what other towns do.

Stormwater Inspector Michelle Collette said a group of Town staff members are working on the billing system if the MS4 budget is approved at the Town Meeting on October 3, 2020. The Town will work with City Hall Systems that currently manages billing for the Tax Collector. The group has been communicating with the Town of Westford to see how they manage billing.

STORMWATER INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Stormwater Inspector Michelle Collette reported that she received a complaint regarding tree clearing on property owned by Anthony Apuzzo at 89 Chestnut Hill Road. Mr. Apuzzo is constructing a new driveway adjacent to his existing driveway on a steep hillside. However, the work has not exceeded the 20,000 square foot land disturbance threshold so a Stormwater Permit is not required. Ms. Collette said she would contact the homeowner (verbally and in writing) about stabilizing the site and installing a construction entrance. Member Delaney has also been in touch with the homeowner.

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The motion was made by Perkins, seconded by McHugh, to approve the August 18, 2020 minutes. The motion passed by roll call vote with Barringer, Delaney, Hanninen, McHugh, and Perkins in favor.

The motion was made by Barringer, seconded by Hanninen, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by roll call vote with Barringer, Delaney, Hanninen, McHugh, and Perkins in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector