

**EARTH REMOVAL STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 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 residents of Olivia Way to discuss progress on the stormwater system mitigation plan. Developer Peter Cricones and his representatives were not present. The Committee did not receive a progress report from Mr. Cricones, as requested at the November 17, 2020 meeting.

The Committee noted that the final paving of Olivia Way had not been done and that the ponding in the interior of the circle had not been corrected. The ponding on the roadway continues to be a problem as well. The Committee discussed sending a letter to Mr. Cricones asking for a plan to stabilize the area during the winter months.

Member Tom Delaney said the mesh screen at the culvert inlet is a part of the problem, but removing the screen will not solve the problem. The center of the circle is hard packed because it has been used as a staging area during construction.

Angela George, 13 Oliva Way, said there is mud in the center of the circle that ends up on the roadway when the water dries up.

Jason Brown, 2 Olivia Way, said there is ponding and debris near his house because that location was also used as a staging area during construction.

Elizabeth Esielionis, 3 Olivia Way, expressed her frustration that Mr. Cricones was not at the meeting to answer questions.

Gary McNabb, 5 Olivia Way, described the condition with the ponding in the circle. He said loose rocks are spread all over the asphalt which causes problems with his snowblower. He said the best way to communicate with Mr. Cricones is in writing. Mr. McNabb said the road should not be paved until the weather is warmer.

Channing Lambert, 10 Olivia Way, said he has not needed to use his sump pump at all this fall. The Committee noted that the subsurface drainage system must be working.

The Committee will send a letter to Mr. Cricones regarding the outstanding issues, impact on residents, public safety and plowing issues. The letter will request a response within one week.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION – JOHN BONENFANT, 543 OLD DUNSTABLE ROAD

The Committee received a request for a Certificate of Completion from John Bonenfant for his new house at 543 Old Dunstable Road. Mr. Bonenfant was present for the discussion.

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Stormwater Inspector Michelle Collette said the Building Commissioner requested sign off prior to issuance of an Occupancy Permit. She said the house construction is finished, but the site work is not completed yet. The lawn area is not stabilized, there is no grass, and the driveway has not been paved yet. She recommended giving a partial Certificate with a deadline of June 1, 2021 to complete the work so an Occupancy Permit can be issued.

The motion was made by McHugh, seconded by Delaney, to issue a partial Certificate of Completion for 543 Old Dunstable Road with a deadline of June 1, 2021 for final stabilization. The motion passed by roll call vote with Barringer, Delaney, Hanninen, McHugh, and Perkins in favor.

INDIAN HILL MUSIC COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Stormwater Inspector Michelle Collette reported that there are compliance issues at the site of Indian Hill Music, 122, Old Ayer Road, resulting in siltation entering James Brook from a significant rainfall on Tuesday, November 24, 2020. The runoff from the newly paved entrance road and overflow of the detention basin flowed into the culvert under Old Ayer Road and discharged into James Brook. The Conservation Commission was alerted and issued an enforcement order on December 1, 2020.

Ms. Collette said Shepco Construction installed hay bales and silt fence to contain the erosion, but there was additional overflow and siltation resulting from the heavy rain on Thanksgiving.

Committee members said they support the Conservation Commission's enforcement order and will walk the site with the Commission on Saturday, December 7, 2020. Stormwater Inspector Michelle Collette will contact Shepco Construction about the compliance issues and the site walk on Saturday, December 7, 2020.

MS4 UPDATE

The Town issued the bills for the Stormwater Enterprise Fund. Member Delaney reported that 80% of the bills have been paid to date and the Town has received 61 requests for abatement for properties with no impervious surface.

ERSWAC INVOICES

The Committee discussed the difficulties in signing permits and invoices when Town Hall is closed during the COVID emergency.

The motion was made by Barringer, seconded by Delaney, to authorize Stormwater Inspector Michelle Collette to sign invoices for the Committee. The motion passed by roll call vote with Barringer, Delaney, Hanninen, McHugh, and Perkins in favor.

The Committee will investigate possible ways of signing permits digitally.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector