

**EARTH REMOVAL STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021, 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

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

Members present: Eileen McHugh, Bob Hanninen, and Ed Perkins

Member absent: Tom Delaney and George Barringer

PUBLIC HEARING – HAYES WOODS, MAPLE AVENUE

The Committee received an email dated May 3, 2021 from design engineer, Stan Dillis, requesting a continuation of the public hearing.

The motion was made by Perkins, seconded by Hanninen, to continue the public hearing on June 1, 2021, at 7 PM. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Hanninen – aye, Perkins – aye, McHugh – aye.

INDIAN HILL MUSIC

The Committee received a report dated April 30, 2021 from Tom Christopher of Christopher Environmental Associates detailing work at the site and erosion control measures. There was 4.6 inches of rain during the month of April. The grass is growing well and the site is well stabilized as outlined in the report and shown in the photographs in the Appendix. Stormwater Inspector Michelle Collette said she walks the site after significant rainfall and has not noted any issues.

OLIVIA WAY PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee discussed Olivia Way and progress on the stormwater system mitigation plan. Ms. Collette reported that she spoke with developer Peter Cricones on the telephone that day. He said he will clean out the catch basins and install the silt sacks this week. He said he would pave as soon as he is able to schedule the paving company.

Elizabeth Esielionis, 3 Olivia Way, said it is a good sign that Mr. Cricones has responded, and she hopes he follows up. She noted that they have not had any problems with water in their basement.

Member Perkins asked if there was any flooding at the Lambert's house. Ms. Esielionis said she is not aware of any flooding problems.

The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Perkins, to extend the Stormwater Permit for Olivia Way to June 15, 2021. *The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Hanninen – aye, Perkins – aye, McHugh – aye.*

EARTH REMOVAL/STORMWATER INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Village Meadows Subdivision, Townsend Road - Ms. Collette said the developer paved the road and the site is stable.

Trio Realty, 340 Longley Rd – Ms. Collette reported that she had signed off on the occupancy permit for the first of three houses on the shared driveway. The lot is well stabilized and the driveway is in good condition. David Ross Associates submitted the as-built plan of the driveway.

Groton School Mass Envirothon Team – Chairwoman McHugh and Ms. Collette described how they assisted the Groton School students by providing information for their project for the Mass Envirothon. Their project was on “Water Management in the Face of Climate Change.” The Committee was very pleased to learn that the team placed first in the competition.

SELECT BOARD QUESTIONS

Ms. Collette said the Select Board reviewed all its annual appointments and had concerns about the role of the Earth Removal Stormwater Advisory Committee. Some members of the Select Board said they did not understand what the Committee does, other than recommending the Stormwater Enterprise Fund. Ms. Collette said the Committee was established in 1963 when the original Earth Removal By-law, Chapter 134, was adopted. The Committee's responsibilities expanded in 1998 when the Erosion Control By-law, Chapter 198, was adopted and in 2006 when the Stormwater Management By-law, Chapter 198, was adopted and superseded the Erosion Control By-law.

The Committee will prepare a statement for the Select Board, if requested, outlining its jurisdiction and responsibilities.

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The motion was made by Perkins, seconded by Hanninen, to approve the March 16, 2021 minutes. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Hanninen – aye, Perkins – aye, McHugh – aye.

The motion was made by McHugh, seconded by Hanninen, to approve the April 6, 2021 minutes. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Hanninen – aye, Perkins – aye, McHugh – aye.

The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Perkins, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Hanninen – aye, Perkins – aye, McHugh – aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector