

**EARTH REMOVAL STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021, 7:00 PM  
MINUTES**

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

Members present: Eileen McHugh, Bob Hanninen, and Tom Delaney

Member absent: George Barringer

**CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION – WHITNEY POND WELLS WATER TREATMET PLANT**

The Earth Removal Stormwater Advisory Committee reviewed the Request for a Certificate of Exemption submitted by the Town of Groton Water Department to remove 2250 cubic yards of earth material associated with the construction of the Whitney Pond Wells Water Treatment Plant. The Committee determined that the removal of material qualifies as an exemption under Chapter 134, Section 10, of the Code of the Town of Groton, because the excess material results from construction of the water treatment plant. The Committee granted Stormwater Management Permit #2021-03 for the project on September 9, 2021.

*The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Delaney, to recommend that the Select Board grant the exemption to remove up to 2250 cubic yards of earth material from the site with the following standard conditions:*

1. No operating on site before 7:00 AM or after 5:00 PM unless the Select Board determine otherwise.
2. Loaded trucks shall depart from the site only within such hours as the Select Board, after consultation with the Police Chief, may prescribe in the interest of public safety.
3. The public roadway must be cleaned at the end of the workday.
4. Applicant shall notify the Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector prior to commencement of activity.
5. Slope of stockpiles shall not exceed 2.1.
6. Stockpiles shall be stabilized with non-invasive, fast-germinated seed such as annual rye.
7. Appropriate dust control measures to be undertaken at all times.

*The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Barringer – aye, Delaney – aye, Hanninen – aye, McHugh – aye.*

**STORMWATER PERMIT EXTENSIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION**

The Committee reviewed the spreadsheet showing the status of all Stormwater Management Permits issued from 2014 to the present time. The Stormwater Inspector sent letters to all applicants who had not completed or closed out their projects. The letter asked if the applicant would like an extension or Certificate of Completion.

The Committee considered the following Request for Extension:

**SW Permit 2016-03 GELD Substation**

*The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Delaney, to grant a three-year extension to the Groton Electric Light Department for the substation located at 540 Lowell Road.*

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*The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Barringer – aye, Delaney – aye, Hanninen – aye, McHugh – aye.*

**SW Permits 2016-05 & 2016-08 Indian Hill Music**

*The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Delaney, to grant a one-year extension to the Indian Hill Music for the new music center located at 122 Old Ayer Road.*

*The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Barringer – aye, Delaney – aye, Hanninen – aye, McHugh – aye.*

**SW Permit 2018-06 Schwartz Family Trust**

*The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Delaney, to grant a one-year extension to the Schwartz Family Trust for the renovations and addition to the former Sacred Heart Church located at 279 Main Street.*

*The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Barringer – aye, Delaney – aye, Hanninen – aye, McHugh – aye.*

**SW Permit 2019-03 Kilbourn Place**

*The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Delaney, to grant a one-year extension to Kilbourn Place, LLC for the renovations to the commercial building located at 240 Main Street.*

*The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Barringer – aye, Delaney – aye, Hanninen – aye, McHugh – aye.*

The Committee reviewed the requests for Certificates of Completion and wanted more information on which projects had submitted as-built plans and engineer certifications. The Stormwater Inspector will update the spreadsheet for the November 2, 2021 meeting.

**ACADEMY HILL**

The Committee received report dated September 27, 2021 from Nitsch Engineering documenting outstanding stormwater management issues at Phase III of the Academy Hill subdivision. The developer would like to complete final paving this fall.

The Committee will forward the report to the developer and ask for an update at its meeting on November 2, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette  
Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector