

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

Chairwoman McHugh called the virtual meeting to order at 7:25 PM.

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

CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

The Committee interviewed two candidates who expressed an interest in filling the vacancy on the Committee in response to the Letter to the Editors of the *Groton Herald* published on November 12, 2021.

Brad Paul – Mr. Paul said he read the Letter to the Editors and decided to volunteer to serve on the Committee because he is interested in conservation and environmental protection issues. He previously served on the Greenway Committee and Trails Committee. He was very active in the effort to apply for Community Preservation Act funds to reconstruct Fitch’s Bridge.

Steve Savage - Mr. Savage said he is interested in serving on the Committee because he owns a construction design-build company and has experience in preparing and reading design plans and construction supervision. He would like to use his expertise to serve the community.

Committee members asked both candidates if they had the time to commit to reading applications and plans, attending monthly meetings, participating in site walks. Chairwoman Eileen McHugh noted that the Committee uses Nitsch Engineering for technical review of projects so engineering expertise is not required. Both candidates said they have the time.

The motion was made by Barringer to recommend both Brad Paul and Steve Savage to the Select Board for appointment to the Committee and let the Select Board decide since the vacancy is the at-large position to be filled by the Select Board. 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 Committee sent a follow-up letter to applicants requesting design engineer’s certifications and as-built plans, if required.

Limited Projects - The Committee discussed issuing a Certificate of Completion for all outstanding limited stormwater management permits from 2014-2019 because engineers’ certifications and as-built plans are not required for limited projects.

The motion was made by Barringer, seconded by Delaney, to issue Certificates of Completion for all limited stormwater management permits from 2014-2019, except 2018-01 which is not finished. *The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Barringer – aye, Delaney – aye, Hanninen – aye, McHugh – aye.*

Lawrence Academy - The Committee received a letter from engineer Stan Dillis on behalf of Lawrence Academy. Mr. Dillis provided the engineer's certification and requested a waiver of the submission of an as-built plan for the new entrance which has functioned well as designed and has had no problems.

The motion was made by Barringer, seconded by Delaney, to waive the submission of the as-built plan and to grant a Certificate of Completion for Stormwater Permit #2016-04 for the Main Street entrance to Lawrence Academy. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Barringer – aye, Delaney – aye, Hanninen – aye, McHugh – aye.

STORMWATER INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Stormwater Inspector Michelle Collette reported that Cherry Tree Lane in the Academy Hill subdivision had been paved. The ponding at the intersection of Townsend Road and Cherry Tree Lane has been corrected. The catch basins appear to be functioning properly. Members Hanninen and Delaney both said they have not observed any drainage issues since the installation of the new pavement.

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The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Barringer, to approve the July 20, 2021 minutes. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Barringer – aye, Delaney – aye, Hanninen – aye, McHugh – aye.

The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Delaney, to approve the September 9, 2021 minutes. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Barringer – aye, Delaney – aye, Hanninen – aye, McHugh – aye.

The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Barringer, to approve the October 5, 2021 minutes with the correction that Member Barringer participated remotely via telephone. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Barringer – aye, Delaney – aye, Hanninen – aye, McHugh – aye.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee will meet on January 4, 2022 and will hold a public hearing for the Hayes Woods development on Maple Avenue. The Committee will also meet on January 18, 2022 and hold a public hearing for the construction of the new Florence Roche Elementary School.

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Chairwoman McHugh will investigate the possibility of holding hybrid meeting (in-person at Town Hall with remote attendance available via Zoom) for the January meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette

Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector