

**EARTH REMOVAL STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2022, 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Chairman Savage called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Legion Hall

Members present: Steven Savage, George Barringer, Tom Delaney, Bruce Easom, and Bob Hanninen

PUBLIC HEARING – SEVEN HILLS GROUP HOME, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT

In accordance with the provisions of the Code of the Town of Groton, Chapter 198, the Earth Removal Stormwater Advisory Committee held a public hearing to consider the application submitted by Seven Hills Extended Care Facility, for approval of a Limited Stormwater Management Permit to construct a group residence and associated parking, driveways, stormwater management system, and landscaping as shown on the plan entitled, “West Street Group Residence, Seven Hills at Groton,” prepared by SVE, dated August 3, 2022. The property, owned by Seven Hills Extended Care Facility, is located on Assessors Map 109, Parcel 52.3071, 22 Hillside Avenue.

Chairman Savage read the public hearing notice published in the August 19, 2022 issue of the *Groton Herald*. Ed Doucette of Sevens Hills, and design engineers Mark Stadnicki and Liza Sargent of SVE were present at the hearing.

Member Hanninen disclosed, for the record, that SVE had done survey work of his property in New Hampshire.

Mr. Stadnicki described the plan to demolish the existing garage and another building to construct a new 9-bed residential group home on the property located at Hillside Avenue and West Street. The stormwater runoff will be directed to the existing catch basins and detention basin resulting in a net decrease in runoff from existing conditions.

Chairman Savage asked about the condition of the existing drainage system. Mr. Doucette said it was constructed in 2005 and is in good working order.

Member Delaney asked if the footprint of impervious area would be different that it is at the present time. Mr. Doucette aid, “yes,” the group home is somewhat larger. Mr. Stadnicki said it is about 200 SF larger.

Member Easom asked about roof runoff. The Stadnicki said there will be splash pads that will drain into the existing detention system and catch basins. Flow to the public right-of-way will be reduced.

Member Barringer asked about the depth of the detention basin. Mr. Stadnicki said is about 9” deep.

Member Easom asked about snow storage. Mr. Stadnicki said snow will be stored to the north of the building.

Chairman Savage asked if a crushed stone construction access would be installed. Mr. Stadnicki said “yes.” Member Delaney requested that construction vehicles go on West Street to Main Street, and not Hillside Avenue.

The Committee voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Barringer, to issue the Full Stormwater Management Permit with the following findings and conditions:

Finding of Significance

The Earth Removal Advisory Committee determined that the proposed project is significant to the interests stated in Chapter 198, Section 1 Purposes, including:

It has been determined that proper management of construction sites and post-development stormwater runoff will prevent damage to public and private property and infrastructure, safeguard the public health, safety, environment and general welfare, protect water and aquatic resources, promote groundwater recharge to protect surface and groundwater drinking supplies, and encourage the appropriate use of the land throughout the Town.

Special conditions:

1. Construction shall be done in accordance with the above-referenced plans.
2. The construction entrance shall be stabilized for a minimum distance of 50 ft as shown on the "Construction Entrance" detail from the "Massachusetts Erosion and Sediment Control Guidelines for Urban and Suburban Areas." The crushed stone shall be replenished as needed to prevent tracking sediment on the public way.
3. All work shall be done in compliance with the "Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection - Stormwater Management, Volume One: Stormwater Policy Handbook, and Volume Two: Stormwater Technical Handbook," dated February 2008.
4. It is the applicant's responsibility to prevent the products of erosion and sedimentation from reaching Hillside Avenue or West Street and causing a safety hazard on the public way. There shall be no net increase in runoff or erosion to the public ways, the municipal storm drain system, or abutting properties.
5. Work shall not go beyond the limits of disturbance shown on the above-referenced plan. The stakes shall be maintained throughout construction to prevent any disturbance to the vegetation or topography beyond the limits of disturbance.
6. All disturbed areas and stockpiles must be properly stabilized. A supply of erosion control material shall be kept on site to stabilize disturbed areas.
7. The applicant shall take effective measures to control dust and windblown erosion at all times.
8. The applicant must submit any proposed change in the above referenced plans to the Earth Removal-Stormwater Advisory Committee for its review and approval before the change is implemented.
9. The removal of any excess earth material from the site requires a Certificate of Exemption from the Earth Removal By-law, Chapter 134 of the Code of the Town of Groton. Chapter 134, Section 10 Exemptions.
10. The applicant is responsible for obtaining any other permits (including but not limited to) those required by the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Building Inspector, DPW Director, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.
11. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the contents of this permit are made known to all contractors who perform work at this site.
12. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact Dig Safe prior to the commencement of any work at the site. The applicant is responsible for obtaining a trench permit, if required by G.L. c. 82A §1 and 520 CMR 7.00 et seq (as amended).
13. The applicant shall comply with the Operation and Maintenance Plan entitled, "Long-Term Operations & Maintenance Plan" prepared by SVE, dated August 10, 2022." The applicant shall keep a log of spring and fall maintenance activities. The Operation and Maintenance plan shall comply with Section 352-22.
14. The applicant will notify the Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of construction. Erosion control measures shall be in place prior to the 48-hour notice to the Stormwater Inspector.

15. The applicant or the applicant's consultant shall submit, at least every two months in which construction activity occurs on site and for as long thereafter as the ground remains unstabilized, a report to the Committee's review, certifying that, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, based on a careful site inspection, all work is being performed in compliance with the plan and these conditions.
16. If the project is not completed within three (3) years from the date the permit is issued, it is the responsibility of the applicant to request an extension. The Committee may grant extensions for additional time provided that the applicant submits a written request for renewal no later than 30 days prior to expiration of the permit.
17. This permit runs with the land and applies to any successor in interest or successor in control.

The motion passed unanimously.

GROTON HILL MUSIC

Stormwater Inspector Michelle Collette said the Building Commissioner requested that the Committee establish a final completion date for all outstanding site work at Groton Hill Music.

The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Barringer, to require that all outstanding site work at Groton Hill Music must be completed by September 30, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector