

EARTH REMOVAL STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023, 6:30 PM
MINUTES

Chairman Savage called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Groton Senior Center.

Members present: Steven Savage, Tom Delaney, and Bob Hanninen

Members absent: George Barringer and Bruce Easom

RECOMMENDTION TO SELECT BOARD ON BLOOD EARTH REMOVAL PERMIT

The Committee discussed its recommendation to the Select Board on the application submitted by Richard Blood for renewal of an earth removal permit for property located at 94 Main Street.

The existing operation was grandfathered in 1984 when the Earth Removal By-law was amended. Stormwater Inspector Michelle Collette said the site is in in very good condition and there has not been a lot of earth removal activity in recent years.

The Committee noted that the expiration date on the permit is January 13, 2022. However, the Governor's "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits, COVID-19 Order No. 42," Item #3 Permit Tolling applies.

The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Delaney, to recommend that the Select Board renew the Earth Removal Permit granted to Richard Blood under the provisions of the Chapter 134 Earth Removal, Section 134-3B Existing Operations. The site is in good working condition and disturbed areas have been properly restored. There has been very limited earth removal activity in recent years. The permit should include the following standard conditions:

1. The applicant shall confirm that there are no wells or sewage disposal systems within 100 ft of the area to be excavated.
2. No operating on site before 7:00 AM or after 5:00 PM unless the Select Board determines otherwise.
3. 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.
4. The public roadway must be cleaned at the end of the workday.
5. Applicant shall notify the Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector prior to commencement of activity.
6. Slope of stockpiles shall not exceed 2.1.
7. Stockpiles shall be stabilized with non-invasive, fast-germinated seed such as annual rye to prevent dust and wind-blown erosion. Erosion control barriers shall be installed around the base of the stockpiles.
8. Town water is available on the site. It is imperative that appropriate dust control measures to be undertaken at all times.

The motion passed unanimously.

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Committee members attended the Select Board public forum on proposed improvements to Broadmeadow Road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette

Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector