

**EARTH REMOVAL STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023, 7:00 PM  
MINUTES**

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

Members present: Steven Savage, Bruce Easom, and Bob Hanninen

Members absent: George Barringer and Tom Delaney

**GROTON HILL MUSIC – FIELD CHANGE**

The Committee received a letter dated May 2, 2023 from Christopher Environmental Associates requesting a proposed change in the type of wetlands vegetation to be planted at Groton Hill Music. The request was also submitted to the Conservation Commission for review.

The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Easom, to approve the field change for Groton Hill Music, as detailed in the letter dated May 2, 2023 from Christopher Environmental Associates, including plans entitled “Groton Music Center – North Wetland Restoration” and Groton Music Center – South Wetland Restoration,” both dated May 1, 2023.

The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMENTS TO THE ZBA - GROTON FARMS COMPREHENSIVE PERMIT PROJECT**

The Committee received a copy of the letter dated May 31, 2023 from Nitsch Engineering to the Zoning Board of Appeals as peer review engineer for the project.

The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by Easom, to submit the following comments to the ZBA:

1. The Committee agrees with the comments and recommendations in the report dated May 31, 2023 from Nitsch Engineering, unless noted below.
2. Comment #2 regarding Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Removal. The Committee recommends that the applicant revise the plans to comply with the 80% TSS removal for runoff discharging to the recharge system and that the ZBA not grant a waiver.
3. Please note that General Comment #6 states, “On the Stormwater Checklist, the Project Type should be Redevelopment.” The Committee understands the applicant and engineers designed this project to comply with the “new construction” standards under the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Standards. The Committee agrees with this approach and appreciates the applicant’s decision to do so.
4. Dust control is essential to managing construction. Wind-blown dust can create a nuisance, have an adverse impact on public safety, and cause health-related problems for abutters and others. Please include a condition that requires preventive dust control measures at all times during construction at the site.

5. The Stormwater Operation and Maintenance Manual contained in the Stormwater Report must be followed by the applicant, present and future owners, and property management companies. The Committee recommends that the ZBA include a requirement to do so be included in the Comprehensive Permit.
6. Stormwater Management Permits typically include the following condition. Please consider including a similar condition in the Comprehensive Permit:
  - The applicant or the applicant's consultant shall submit, at least every two weeks in which construction activity occurs on site and for as long thereafter as the ground remains unstabilized, a report 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.
  - After a project is issued a Certificate of Completion, the Responsible Party or Owner as listed in the Long-Term Operation and Maintenance Plan shall submit annual BMP Inspection and Maintenance logs, and if applicable, an updated Long-Term Operation and Maintenance Plan, on or before June 1st annually, as required in Section 352-6D of the Stormwater Management Regulations.

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette  
Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector