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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 7, 2023
TO: Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)
FROM: Earth Removal Stormwater Advisory Committee
RE: Groton Farms Comprehensive Permit

At its meeting on June 6, 2023, the Earth Removal Stormwater Advisory Committee reviewed the plans and supporting documents submitted by 500 MG, LLC for a Comprehensive Permit to construct 200 residential rental units on property located at 500 Main Street. The Committee voted unanimously to submit the following comments:

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 discusses 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 managements 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.