



TOWN OF GROTON
Earth Removal
Stormwater Advisory Committee

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 19, 2023
TO: Zoning Board of Appeals
FROM: Stormwater Inspector Michelle Collette
RE: Groton Farms Comprehensive Permit, 500 Main Street

The Earth Removal Stormwater Advisory reviewed the application and plans for the Groton Farms Comprehensive Permit at its meeting on April 18, 2023. The Committee members will attend your public hearing when civil engineering and stormwater management issues are being discussed and submit additional comments at a later date.

At the meeting on April 18, 2023, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Zoning Board of Appeals deny the waiver requested in Section Six, Page 2, which states:

“Section 218-2.SH.1(e)[3] Soil log submission

The applicant requests a waiver from the requirement for witnessed soil testing for stormwater areas. Soil testing has been performed by a Competent Soils Professional (Licensed Soil Evaluator) as required by the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy.”

The Committee believes it is essential to have a qualified representative from the Town, such as the peer review engineer, witness the soil testing for all drainage areas. The deadline for seasonal soil testing is May 1, 2023, so the applicant should schedule the soil testing as soon as possible.