

Earth Removal Advisory Committee

Meeting minutes 7-19-2016

Attendants:

Gene Barden, ERAC

Dana Dilisio

John Picariello ERAC

Brian Le Clair, Attorney

Bill Maher, ERAC

Diandra DiBiase, Swampscott Living LLC

The meeting was called to order by Gene at 6:10 pm.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the revised plans and changes for the 443 Essex Street development for earth removal. The changes included the amount of material decreased from 22,000 to 15,000 cubic yards; the estimate of three months to complete the site work has been increased to four; the applicant name changed to Swampscott Living LLC; the material will involve 4 to 6 trucks making 6 to 8 trips each from the site by GJ towing and the amount will depend on the amount of material being processed for reuse by the contractor. Trucking would not be on a daily basis during the four months. It was expressed by Gene that the haul route would not go down Essex Street past the Danvers Road Essex Street intersection. The slope of the retention wall was in question by John as being greater than the 1:1 slope suggested by the bylaws. It was stated that the zoning and the building inspector has all seen the plans and have been approved. There is a retaining wall behind this particular slope to hopefully prevent future riprap collapse.

The drawings were examined for the contour lines existing and future development. The majority of material will be from utility trenches, the retention basin and the upper slope to make way for the third building. The changes were explained for the new drawings that have been submitted. For the purpose of excavation nothing changed. The changes were to the buildings, handicap parking areas and under building parking for handicap vans; the elevators and stair wells had to be separated.

Gene talked about dust control with regards to the proximity of the dense neighborhood and asked to be put on the call list whenever blasting is to occur. Also that blasting on overcast days should be avoided as much as possible. Pre-blast surveys would be conducted through the surrounding neighborhood. In the event that there are complaints from the area, a project manager would be available to mitigate concerns. A list of the

changes would be emailed to John and brought to the town hall for the selectman to review prior to their meeting on August 17th.

It was expressed that the contractor has extensive knowledge and years of experience of this kind of site preparation/building and has several developments within the surrounding towns/cities.

A motion to approve the plans as presented and explained was made by Bill. The vote was then taken and it was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.