

## **Meeting Minutes of Joint meeting of Earth Removal Advisory Committee (ERAC) and Select Board**

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Representing ERAC were Joe Markarian, ERAC Chairman; John Picariello, ERAC member; Gary Barden, ERAC member; Tonia Bandrowicz, ERAC member, joining virtually were ERAC member Ted Dooley.

Representing Select Board were David Grishman, Peter Spellios, MaryEllen Fletcher, Katie Phalan, and Doug Thomson.

Representing Holcim (Aggregate Industry) were Attorney Aaron Rosenberg, Chris Drucas, Legal Counsel; Tanya Taylor Aggregates Operations Manager; and Jarrett Temple, Region Manager, Land & Environment.

Chairman Markarian called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m

Chairman Markarian called the meeting order. He informed the attendees of the annual permit process, meetings held by ERAC and participation/comments that was received from Holcim.

ERAC recommended changes to the 2023-2024 permit that were outlined in a Memo dated 05/30/23 that was provided to the Select Board, and attached to these minutes.

Due to ongoing litigation ERAC did not make any recommendations or changes to sections of the permit that are subject to litigation.

Town Administrator requested information from Holcim representatives on amount of material that is processed and removed off site.

Attorney Rosenberg, representing Holcim, provided a disclaimer regarding ongoing litigation, and requested that ERAC or Select Board submit questions in writing to him and Holcim regarding quarry operations and he would respond in writing.

Discussion followed regarding litigation, and the need to respond to communication/letter that was provided to the Town by Holcim as potential settlement language.

Select Board member Spellios reminded all in attendance that the Board and ERAC should not discuss issues pertaining to litigation without town counsel present.

Select Board requested additional time to review the permit and discussed a 30, 60, or 90 day permit extension. Former ERAC Chair John Picariello supported a 60 day extension, and reminded the Board that in July Holcim is planning a major renovation that will bring new operating equipment to site.

ERAC member T. Bandrowicz suggested that the Board review the recommended permit and exclude Section 10 from their review as that is part of the litigation.

Select Board member Spellios suggested that the public hearing be continued to 6/21 and not to extend the current permit. Due to member availability, the Public Hearing will continue to Monday, June 26, 2023 at 6:30p.m.

Attorney Chris Drucas formally expressed his praise to ERAC for their work on the 2023-2024 permit. And officially offered a tour of the quarry to Select Board members.

Select Board member Spellios invited residents to the continued Public Hearing on June 26, 2023.

Motion was made to continue Public Hearing to June 26, 2023 at 6:30p.m.

On a motion made by G. Barden and seconded by T. Bandrowicz, joint session of the ERAC and SB was adjourned.