

Earth Removal Advisory Committee

Meeting minutes 1-11-2017

Attendants:

John Picariello, ERAC

Gary Barden ERAC

Bill Maher, ERAC

Milton Fistel, ERAC

Chris Drucas, AI counsel

Absent:

George Potts, Planning Board

Tonia Brandrowicz, Con. Comm.

James Potts, Fire Department

The meeting was called to order by John at 7:12 pm.

The application provided by Pete Kane was first to be discussed. Chris suggested that the title include words that exempt current quarry operation, and that we continue to use the format he presents every year for the past twenty years. All agreed. The form includes all necessary information as listed in the by-law. Also in the application documentation remove the requirement for "quantity and cost" of proposed restoration materials. We felt that this is not within the purpose of ERAC, rather the planning board.

In Section 6, Existing Operations: existing quarry operations should be exempt from Section 5 entirely.

The permit for the quarry, under certain circumstances, allows for operations on Sunday and holidays with agreement of ERAC and the selectman.

Section 1: The words "the removal off site of any form of" soil "including without limitation", and "ledge" be added to the sentence.

Section 2: residential building changed to "residential building up to three (3) units.

Section 3: Tonia has made several changes to the what is written to omit redundancies of the Board of Selectman to just the Board. Also delete in (a)1-4 the word "Will". Add in a4 reference to wetlands. In (a)5 remove "roadway services". In (b)5, and (b)6 change the contour lines from 5 feet to 2 feet. Move the sentence at the end of (b)6 to the end of (b)5. In (b)10 delete "and cost" of proposed restoration materials.

Section 4: (a)17, "consideration of pollution insurance" was talked about and the words "under the circumstances" added to the beginning of the sentence. (b), this entire section is confusing to all. It needs further explanation from town hall, possibly reworded.

(c) change "No" to "Any" excavation and add words to included wetlands.

(d) add wetland protection.

(g) add "Operation hours shall be set by the Board and be strictly regulated."

(l) add at the end of the last sentence "or his contractor".

(m) include words to include wetlands.

Chris would like to suggest that the permit for AI be for a three year time period instead of the one year renewal.

The committee stopped at this point and agreed to continue at the next meeting, scheduled with Tonia present to answer any questions she may have. Hopefully we can finish this review and get the changes to Pete Kane as soon as possible for his review and to the selectman for an article for town meeting.