

EARTH REMOVAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES FOR 12-14-16

ATTENDEES:

Milton Fistel

John Picariello

Gary Barden

Toni Bandrowicz

Absent:

Bill Maher

George Potts

James Potts

The meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

The first order of business was to introduce newly appointed members. Milton Fistel is a civil and environmental engineer. He came on the committee with his experience in noise and dust studies. He has experience with environmental issues created by the big dig, to include dust, vibration and noise.

Toni Bandrowicz, a member of the conservation commission and open space committee. She is an attorney with the US Environmental Protection Agency in Boston. She replaces Nelson Kessler .

Gary Barden has a background in GIS and mapping, currently working in the cell tower industry. He is the son of the former chair, Gene Barden, and thought that he would carry on the family involvement with ERAC.

John Picariello, retired, a Vietnam veteran who has grown up with the quarry all his life, a native of Swampscott. Retired from an electronics company in Salem, the only place he has worked for 46 years. A resident of Carson Terrace he lives close to the quarry and is concerned with the operation and its effect on Foster Pond.

Bill Maher, is a union representative for GE.

James Potts, deputy fire chief, in charge of fire prevention.

The first order of business was to elect a chairman. The members were asked for any volunteers and none came forward. Toni made a motion to elect John as chair and was seconded by Milton. A vote take was unanimous.

John then proceeded to present an aerial photo of the quarry to compare to last years. The plan was reviewed with question from the members to orientate where different operation were occurring. James stated that fire detail is only provided when blasting occurs in Swampscott. The new members were brought up to date as to the quarry permitting process, requirements, timeline for renewal, etc.

The amount of water being pumped out of the quarry was brought forward for the year of 2016. A month to month amount was produced and where it is ending up. The total amount for the year approaches close to 150 million gallons. The question of silt being pumped into Foster Pond was

discussed and what action was taken to prevent it. The suggestion was made by Toni that some high school students sample the water quality in Foster Pond. She also suggested that Al put in an aerator in the pond to raise the oxygen level.

An update of the construction of Essex Street was discussed, blasting, dust and how much longer blasting would be conducted. A history of the site was discussed and the intention of the development.

The by-law changes were briefly discussed and the reason for the review.

A motion was made by Tonia and seconded by Milton to adjourn at 8:10 pm, a vote taken and it was unanimous.