

Meeting Minutes of Earth Removal Advisory Committee (ERAC), April 3, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Present were: John Picariello, ERAC Chairman; Joe Markarian, ERAC member; Tonia Bandrowicz, ERAC member, joining virtually were ERAC member Ted Dooley.

Town staff present: Marzie Galazka, Community Development Director.

Representing Aggregate Industry were: Attorney Jonathan Voegal, Chris Drucas, Legal Counsel; and Jarrett Temple, Region Manager, Land & Environment.

Public Comments: No comments were received.

Review and vote on meeting minutes from March 6th: on a motion from T. Bandrowicz and seconded by J. Markarian meeting minutes from March 6, 2023, were approved with edits.

Review of AI yearly permit: Select Board received an application for Earth Removal from Aggregate Industries (AI). This is an annual request.

The application package was reviewed and the following items were missing: cross sections, and mining plan. AI will email electronic copies of the cross sections and mining plan prepared by Hancock Associates. AI will also provide contact information for new quarry managers as well as a list of holidays including union and nonunion.

Discussion followed regarding Buffer Zone or Do Not Disturb Area. It was noted that parcel on Carson Terrace was not included in the Buffer Zone. AI confirmed that it will not sell any of the parcels listed on the map. Most parcels are not buildable, as they contain less than five thousand square feet.

T.Bandrowicz requested that for the purpose of the permit Buffer Zone is further defined in paragraph 15 and offered to draft language for this section of the permit.

J.Picariello requested that AI repair or replace perimeter fencing near the observation area as the cable was cut. He also requested an update on the status of tree removal that was near a residential home and appeared to be in a state of decline.

Committee discussed notification process for new residents regarding pre blast survey. Suggestion was made that AI contact Swampscott Assessor or Patriot Properties for updated or recent sales by February or before new permit application is filed and notify only new property owners. The notification clause regarding pre blast inspection is found in paragraph 25. T.Bandrowicz will edit this section. Annual meetings with neighbors has not been scheduled.

ERAC continues to be concerned with fugitive dust and discussed street sweeping along Danvers Road. ERAC will identify the landmarks (example – sweep from Danvers Rd bridge to Driving Range/minigolf).

Dust study is delayed until the new quarry equipment is installed. This will establish a baseline for dust particulates.

In the previous meeting ERAC requested a flowchart /decision tree on noise testing. This is included in the new permit.

ERAC requested an updated memo on the closure plan for the quarry. An updated memo or statement regarding best and highest land use.

ERAC proposed changes to the General Bylaws that would update the definition section of the Bylaw, amend the amount of material removed that triggers Earth Removal permit and correct the number of ERAC members.

Upon motion, duly made by Joe Markarian and seconded by T. Bandrowicz, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:55.pm.