

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

EARTH REMOVAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ERAC)

Elihu Thompson Administration Building

22 Monument Avenue

Swampscott, Ma. 01907



EARTH REMOVAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: John A. Picariello, Chair; Tonia Bandrowicz, Matt Therkelsen, Mike Proscia.

Participated via phone: Cabot Dodge

OTHER GUESTS: Kurt Hine, Aggregates Operations Manager, Town Representatives: Marzie Galazka, Director Community and Economic Development.

January 4, 2020 Meeting called to order 6:32 P.M.

Minutes of the _____ meeting approved.

T. Bandrowicz provided an update and overview of changes made to the draft earth removal permit. Current permit is issued for a 12- month period starting on July 1 and ending on June 30. Discussion followed regarding other options for start and end dates of permits. C. Drucas stated that other communities base their permits on calendar years and or other dates. M.Galazka stated that in December the Select Board reviews and approves several types of license renewals, including: Liquor, Common Victuallers, Entertainment and Class II Auto Dealer so adding Earth Removal might not work with their current schedule.

K.Hinde will check with AI's Environmental team to see what works best for them regarding permit start and end dates.

Discussion followed on timeline and fees for permits issued to AI in other communities. The following fee and timeline schedule was provided by K. Hinde:

1. Raymond (\$300 for 3 yr. permit)
2. Saugus (\$100 every 6 mos.)
3. Taunton (\$771 for 5 yr. permit)
4. Swampscott (\$500 annual fee)
5. Peabody (no fee) and
6. Wrentham (no fee).

Committee continued discussion on permit application and the issue of dust control. Members agreed that there is a need for expert opinion and review of the current permit language. Retaining of industry experts has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Early in 2020 T. Smith did research and found an expert from New Jersey that would review the data, perform a site visit and make recommendations. Due

to the COVID -19 Pandemic this expert was not willing to travel of Massachusetts. Draft permit will be shared with Attorney Amy Kwasell, KP Law, Town Counsel.

Air monitoring clause- members agreed that summer and dry conditions contribute to increase in dust. Testing for standard and heavy metals should be done 3 times per year. AI submitted suggestions that would address dust control.

Short term permit will include noise testing provision for 1 year. Future earth removal permits will include provisions for annual testing. Testing will be done 3 times annually during operations and less in future permits.

Blasting regulation needs input from an expert. During previous public meetings Select Board requested strict regulations regarding blasting to minimize the impact to the residents living near the quarry. Two consultants will be contacted to provide expert advice on blasting regulations: Jay Perkins and Maine Drilling and Blasting Inc. M. Galazka to contact J. Perkins and share the latest version of the draft permit for his review and comments.

Committee discussed the need for an independent consultant to review the blast data and make recommendations for blasting plans.

Closure planning – AI is vested in the long- term ownership, success, and future land use of the quarry and the surrounding land owned by AI. AI welcomes the opportunity to discuss quarry closure planning with the Select Board. AI developed a scope of work for the closure plan a couple years ago.

To complete the permit application ERAC needs recommendation regarding the following:

1. Permit Fees
2. Closure Plan
3. Seismograph locations
4. Noise Control
5. Dust Control
6. Further Blasting recommendations

Next meeting will be held on 01/25 at 6:30 p.m.

On **MOTION** by (T. Bandrowicz) and **SECONDED** (Cabot Dodge) it was **VOTED** by roll call to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: John A. Picariello (YES), Tonia Bandrowicz (YES), Gary Barden (YES), Matt Therkelsen (YES).

Meeting adjourned 8:24 p.m.