

Excavation of Material Study Committee

April 25, 2016 Minutes

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Committee Members in attendance: Brian Wick, Ed Angley, Russ Appleyard, Marc Garrett, Betsy Hall, Malcolm MacGregor, David Malaguti, Michael Main, Jack Risso and Richard Serkey.

Staff Member: Lee Hartmann

Mr. Wick opened the meeting.

Minutes

Mr. Appleyard moved to accept the minutes of March 21, 2016. Mr. MacGregor seconded the motion. The vote was passed 6-0-4.

Earth Removal Bylaw

Mr. Wick opened a general discussion about possible components of the earth removal bylaw.

The consensus of the committee was to add an Agricultural Use definition.

The committee discussed the necessity of requiring a USDA approved farm plan. The consensus of the committee was to remove the requirement at this time.

Mr. Garrett asked to expand the top soil definition by referring to it as the O and A soil horizons.

Mr. Garrett suggested establishing a 250,000 cy threshold for earth removal related to cranberry cultivation. He suggested allowing the removal of up to 250,000 cy for sale when it is necessary to generate funds to construct facilities that improve water quality or the environment (such as a tail water recovery pond).

Mr. Garrett suggested defining the term “sale”.

Mr. Appleyard suggested clarifying the term “highest water”.

Mr. Wick suggested using language that allows for setback and buffer exceptions when a project abuts a similar use or when a reduced setback is not detrimental to an abutting use.

The committee agreed to discuss the impacts of this bylaw on cranberry bog sanding operations and the depth of top soil in the aquifer protection district at the next meeting.

The committee agreed to hold its next meeting in two weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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