

Excavation of Material Study Committee
July 11, 2016 Minutes

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

Staff Member: Lee Hartmann

Mr. Wick opened the meeting.

The committee discussed the merits of prohibiting the sale of topsoil removed in association with a earth removal operation. No action was taken.

The committee discussed the perception of conflicts of interest among members.

Minutes

Ms. Hall moved to accept the minutes of June 20 2016. Mr. Malaguti seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (9-0).

Earth Removal Bylaw

Mr. Hartmann described the revisions made to the bylaw based on the committee’s June 20, 2016 meeting.

Mr. Garrett suggested that Town Counsel review the current draft.

The committee discussed when the most appropriate time would be to have Counsel review the bylaw. No action was taken.

The committee discussed the suggested language allowing for the sale to expand, enhance or maintain existing cranberry cultivation facilities is allowed by-right provided that the projected volume of earth to be removed is not greater than 50,000 cubic yards, and provided further that the Building Commissioner determines that the activities are consistent with practice standards promulgated by the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Mr. Risso moved to reduce the provision’s number to 25,000 cubic yards. The motion was seconded by Mr. MacGregor. The Committee supported the motion (6-3).

The committee continued its discussion on an end use limitation. No action was taken.

Ms. Hall asked the committee to review the intent section of the bylaw at the next meeting.

At the next meeting, the committee agreed to continue to review the overall bylaw, discuss the perception of member conflicts of interest and further consideration of end use requirements.

The committee agreed to hold its next meeting on July 25, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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