



EARTH REMOVAL BOARD

MEETING Minutes

Tuesday August 16, 2016 7:00 PM

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Meeting started: 7:00pm

Attendance: Al Peloquin (Chair Person), Leonard Mort (Vice Chair Person), Anna Lewandowski and Nancy Young (Secretary)

Absent: Tom Brown (Clerk), (Mary Krumsiek)

Guests: Jeff Costa / Pare Corp. and Rob McNeil Director of DPW (Ramshorn Pond Dam)

Meeting Subjects:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of June 21st, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- 3) Jeff Costa / Pare Corp and Rob McNeil Director of Public Works
- 4) Discussion on break down of 500 cubic yards
- 5) Update on Renewals
- 6) Adjournment

I. Call to Order:

Al Peloquin called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of June 21st, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

Al Peloquin asked the board to make a motion to accept the minutes; Leonard Mort made a motion, Anna Lewandowski second, all approved 3 – 0.

III. Jeff Costa of Pare Corp & Rob McNeil DPW / Ramshorn Pond Dam Rehabilitation:

Ramshorn Pond Dam is located in the Town of Millbury in Worcester County, Massachusetts. Ramshorn Pond (a Massachusetts Great Pond). The dam is located at the northern end of Ramshorn Pond and the Ramshorn Brook outlets along the toe of the dam before turning offsite to the north east into a large wetland system Dolan Road, a public roadway, extends along the dam. The dam is classified as a Large size, High hazard potential dam under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts dam safety rules and regulations stated in 302 CMR 10.00. Previous inspections have found the dam to be in Poor condition with significant structural deficiencies. The Town of Millbury Department of Public Works is implementing a rehabilitation project that includes the following improvements.

- 1.) Replacement of the existing spillway with a new spillway near the center of the embankment;
- 2.) Replacement of the existing low level outlet;
- 3.) Stabilization of the upstream dam slope by installing a sheet pile wall;
- 4.) Stabilization of the downstream slope by clearing, grubbing, regarding and replacing the existing toe drain;
- 5.) Roadway improvements along the dam crest, including drain improvements;
- 6.) Addressing embankment seepage concerns through the installation of a sheet pile cutoff wall;
- 7.) Construction of a replacement wetland area along with driveway improvements at the site of Jacques Park, a public area of open space within the same watershed as the dam;
- 8.) Incorporation of public parking and canoe access as part of the work;

During the rehabilitation project, earth material may be exported, imported, blended, amended and screened to facilitate the construction project. (An outline of estimated acreage and quantities of the material at the dam site to be moved, impacted or installed was supplied to the board and is on file). The project is expected to take a year possibly ending in June of 2017. On behalf of the Town of Millbury Department of Public Works, Pare requests that the Earth Removal Board find that 1) As a project being completed for the Town, the project is exempt from the application fee and review fee as required by Items 10A and 10B of the Earth Removal Permit application, and 2) As earth operations for the municipal project, the project be found to be exempt under Chapter 14 Article II Section 14-21 Section 3.a of the Town Charter.

The board has requested, in regards to the waiver, that the board could receive a report at least twice during the construction, once in the fall and another in the spring.

First Motion; (As a project is being completed for the Town, the project is exempted from the application fee and review fee as required by Items 10A and 10B of the Earth Removal Permit application)

Al Peloquin asked the board if he has a motion to waive the application and review fee for the Town of Millbury.

Leonard Mort made the motion, Anna Lewandowski second the motion all were in favor 3 – 0.

Second Motion; (As earth operations for a municipal project, the project found the be exempt under Chapter 14 Article II Section 14-21 Section 3.a of the Town Charter); Leonard Mort made the motion, Anna Lewandowski second the motion all were in favor 3 – 0.

IV. Discussion on break down of 500 cubic yards:

Anna Lewandowski opened the discussion questioning whether the board still wants to consider going from 500 cubic yards to 350 cubic yards. It is the boards concerns where there is a large developer verses a small developer whom is in the practice of just building one or two properties at a time, obviously the large developer can handle the fees that the Earth Removal Board has slated in the application the large developer stands to profit regardless the fees verses a small developer/ contractor they would stand to lose a portion of their profits due to the high fees. Leonard Mort also points out that there are small developers out there that are hired to build on a lot/ parcel by a land owner and unfortunately some of these small developers will strip the property of its top soil / loam and then disappear, the house was never built and the land is damaged, Leonard concludes that there are people out there and that's all they want is the material to make a quick profit. Al Peloquin considers that there may be a way to break down the fees by jobs in different categories this is something that he and the board would have to discuss with Katie McKenna.

V. Update on Renewals:

Al Peloquin opens the discussion in regards to the 3 to 4 vendors that have been notified about their renewals, he had received a call from Keystone in regards to the process, Al has been notified that Keystone is sending out notification letters to the abutters letting them know that they are reapplying for an application, Al mentions that there is no reason for Keystone to be doing that and the renewal is pretty straight forward, he is going to give them a call to see where they stand in the renewal. In regards to Steve Venecassa with Howe Ave., nothing is moving at the site and the board hasn't heard anything in regards to their renewal. Aggregate is also renewing even though they don't plan on doing anything in the foreseen future.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Leonard Mort: made the motion to adjourn; Ann Lewandowski second the motion, all were in favor 3 - 0.

Adjournment was at 8:00 PM

Next Meeting September 20, 2016 @ 7:00 PM



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**Signature of Attendees and Approval for Minutes
(Meeting Minutes from August 16, 2016)**

Al Peloquin - Chair Person: _____
Al Peloquin

Leonard Mort - Vice Chair Person: _____
Leonard Mort

Tom Brown - Clerk: _____

Mary Krumsiek - Member: _____

Ann Lewandowski - Member: _____
Ann Lewandowski

Nancy Young - Secretary/ Assistant: _____

Comments: _____

