



Town of Northborough

Earth Removal Board
Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Present: Janet Sandstrom, Nick Howorth (arrived 7:36 pm), Fred Philcox, and Tom Beals

Absent: Anthony Ziton

Also Present: Fred Litchfield - Town Engineer; Eileen Dawson - Recording Secretary; John Fouracre – 99 Pleasant Street; Dimitrios Voyiatzis – 73-85 West Main Street; Peter Carlino – CBA; and Bob Gleason – Abu Construction, Inc.

At 7:06 pm, Ms. Sandstrom called to order the Earth Removal Board meeting.

Old Business:

- **Discussion and update from Mr. Voyiatzis regarding 73-85 West Main Street, Map 63, Parcel 11, 12, & 13.**

Mr. Carlino gave an update on the progress including: 130' of wall installed (3 more courses needed and expected to be complete within a week), removal of fill, weather related setbacks over the past month, and 10,000 yards more of earth to remove (trucking earth to local areas).

Mr. Litchfield expressed disappointment that the wall construction is taking so long and concerns with the rainfall this spring and dirty water running off the site. Mr. Litchfield commented that the larger basin has helped to contain the water on the site, but would like to see the wall construction completed as soon as possible. Mr. Litchfield and Board members asked questions regarding the wall, details on the 4' retaining wall to be constructed on the west end, the removal of material in the west corner, desire for stone behind the 150' wall being constructed, and moving material to the east side of the property. Board members discussed the possibility of opening a public hearing in the near future (Board would change the permit and increase the bond amount) if significant progress has not been made to the site within the next month. Mr. Carlino commented that if the weather cooperates, the 150' (along the top) wall would be complete by the end of next week.

Board members agreed that substantial progress must occur by the next meeting (May 5th) pending good weather. Mr. Carlino commented that when water and rain are present, work becomes limited on the site. He explained that removing fill and working with the water have been the biggest issues on the site.

Ms. Sandstrom asked for audience sharing; Mr. Fouracre, abutter, commented on the silt bags being removed from the street drains (DPW removed them), tracking issues onto Route 20, and water running off the site onto Route 20. Mr. Fouracre explained his concern with the snow fencing that has been surrounding the site and the desire for a sturdier fence. Ms. Sandstrom explained that the construction fencing has been put in place and the board cannot require the applicant to put additional fencing in place. Board members discussed traffic issues and asked the applicant to come in on the west and go out on the east side and change the stone at the entrances.

- **Discuss letter sent to Signature Homes regarding the status of their subdivision and to request they submit a schedule for completion of all work associated with the Assabet Farms subdivision or to release the bond to the Town allowing us to proceed with the work. – Mr. Litchfield briefly discussed the letter sent to the applicant.**

- **Loop and Avalon Bay** – Board members and Mr. Litchfield discussed the monthly status reports and erosion control measures. Mr. Beals expressed concerns with the continued erosion issues near the Avalon Bay trailer and silt washing out into the lower wetlands. Mr. Beals expressed concerns with erosion coming down on the North Road and the need for some crushed stone. Mr. Litchfield commented that he would address these issues with the applicant and resolve.

Review Minutes of March 3, 2010:

Board members discussed the minutes and had no changes.

Mr. Philcox motioned, Mr. Beals seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To approve the minutes of March 3, 2010.”

Public Hearing:

7:43 p.m. Renewal Permit Application

Abu Construction, Inc.
100 Lincoln Street
Map 62, Parcel 44 for Permit # 2009-2.

Mr. Gleason, representative from Abu Construction, explained the details on the renewal permit (no changes to the permit from 2009). Board members discussed the need for the signature cards and abutter list in order to issue a renewal permit. Mr. Gleason agreed to get this information to Mr. Litchfield the next day. Mr. Fouracre, abutter, commented that he received a notice and signed for it in regards to tonight’s public hearing.

Mr. Howorth motioned, Mr. Beals seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To issue a renewal permit to Abu Construction for 100 Lincoln Street with the contingency that green signature cards and abutter list would be received.”

(Abutter list and signature cards were received on 4/8/10)

FYI:

- Tentative date for the next meeting Wednesday, May 5, 2010 that will start at 7:00 pm. Board members agreed to meet on May 5th.
- Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 26, 2010. Mr. Litchfield encouraged all board members to attend the town meeting.

Bond Releases (none at this time)

Adjourn:

Board member agreed that no further business needed to be discussed and agreed to adjourn.

Mr. Howorth motioned, Mr. Beals seconded, and it was unanimously voted: “To adjourn the Earth Removal Board meeting.”

The Earth Removal Board adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Dawson
Board Secretary