

TOWN OF STERLING
Earth Removal Bylaw Review Committee
February 4, 2020

Present: Shaun Francis, Domenica Tatasciore, Jeff Donaldson, Sarah Culgin, Matt Marro and Carl Corrinne via telephone

Barbara O'Connor attended, as minute taker.

Meeting was called to order at 2:13 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – 1/21/20

The committee voted to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting as amended.

Review and Discussion of Draft Bylaw

As stated in the January 21, 2020 meeting minutes, Mr. Francis sent the latest draft of the Bylaw to the various boards and committees asking for their comments. The submission was to coincide with their next meetings Planning Board (January 29, 2020), the Zoning Board (January 28, 2020), The Earth Removal Board (January 23, 2020) and the Board of Selectmen (February 5, 2020). This committee requested that questions be returned by February 7, 2020.

The results were: No discussion at the Planning Board Meeting; Joe Curtin of the Zoning Board sent an email expressing his concerns regarding the Item 63-7 K "The lowest excavated point shall be no less than eight (8) feet above the existing seasonal high groundwater table...." Mr. Curtin asked that this committee consider changing the amount to "within 6 feet..." so that it would be consistent with the aquifer/groundwater protection bylaws. The Committee voted to change the amount to 6 feet. Ms. Culgin moved the change, Mr. Francis seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The Earth Removal Board submitted a list of questions for this committee to respond to:

1. Stemming from the Earth Removal Board's concern regarding the word "sale". Item 63-2 is to remain as written.
2. Stemming from the Earth Removal Board's concern regarding the term "in situ" and 1,000 cubic yards criteria, Item 63-4 A is to remain as written. Following a discussion by this committee about the Earth Removal Board's suggestion that the bylaw should add a floor (say 200 or 300 cubic yards), the committee resolved that no floor was needed.

3. Following the committee's discussion connected with the Earth Removal Board's Question #3, Items 63-4 D, E and F are to remain as written.
4. Following the committee's discussion connected with the Earth Removal Board's Question #4, Item 63-4 G is to remain as written.
5. The topic of fire ponds is addressed in the by-law.
6. Item 63-8 C 7 the committee voted to change the word "shall" to "may". Ms. Culgin moved the change, Mr. Corrinne seconded, unanimous.
7. Item 63-8 C 8 is to remain as written.
8. The committee noted that the Earth Removal Board's suggestion for Item 63-11 D was already addressed in Item 63-11 E.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The next meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.