

TOWN OF STERLING  
Earth Removal Bylaw Review Committee  
July 30, 2019

Present: Domenica Tatasciore, Sarah Culgin, Carl Corrine and Matt Marro (on the phone)

Barbara O'Connor attended, as minute taker.

Absent: Shaun Francis

**Minutes from the Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Domenica Tatasciore reported to the group that the committee will be acquiring a new member: Sterling resident Jeffrey L. Donaldson. The Board of Selectmen will appoint him on August 7, 2019.

The committee continued to address the objections expressed at the May town meeting to the Earth Removal Review Committee's Bylaw proposal.

1. The membership decided to allow Shaun Francis to continue to research other less potentially objectionable words for the term traffic "study". The words "A Traffic Plan" was suggested, i.e. documentation that would include information regarding proposed access roads, etc. Domenica will talk with Shawn per this discussion.
2. The membership also agreed to have Shaun Francis reach out to Joe Curtin at Pandolf Perkins this week.
3. Under Section 63-3 Permit Required, one member explained that if a person doesn't need a permit, but they are still going to remove earth, they will need to notify the town of their actions. Therefore, it was agreed that they will have to submit an earth removal form to the town. The term "notification" continued to be disputed. One member suggested changing the word notification to "Notice of Intent for Earth Removal" form. The membership decided to leave the term "notification" in the by-law for now, pending further discussion.
4. Under Section 63-3, the group agreed to move the verbiage of Section ii to the end of Section 63-3 C.

5. Under Section 63-3 C, the membership agreed to include a reference to Section 63-7 Performance Standards.

6. Regarding Section 63-4 Exemptions from Permit Requirements, the issue of whether or not 1,000 cu. yards is appropriate is being left as written pending a future meeting when Shaun Francis and the new member will be in attendance.

7. There was much discussion regarding the concept of grandfathered earth removal projects. More research is needed.

8. The committee approved the corrected verbiage of Section 63-7.

9. Domenica will duplicate the portion of the verbiage of Section 63-9 A referring to the area being “reseeded so as to provide a vegetative cover with a minimum of six (6) inches of organic soil cover that will be maintained until the area is stabilized” into Section 63-7 G.

Date and time for next meeting: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 2:00 p. m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p. m.