

Town of Sterling  
Earth Removal Board  
Meeting Minutes 9/13/17

Approved 12/12/17  
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- 1) Call to order by Chairman Rivers at 9:01 AM.  
Roll call: Mike Rivers, Chairman, Mike Pineo, Vice-Chairman, Russ Philpot, Dolores Rich, John Kilcoyne (arrived late, approximately 9:38 AM).  
Recording the meeting; John Scarsella.
- 2) Agenda approved. Item #5 moved to end of meeting by Philpot, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich, unanimous.
- 3) Earth removal permit received from Ann DesMarais with certified mail receipts. Approved. Ann gave brief history of operation. Ed Baldarelli and Matt Gargulinski are the overseers, ONYX is the operator. Mr. Philpot clarified that the hearing was being held because although the property owners did not change, there is a new operator, which requires a new permit. Motion to approve Boiler Plate info – motion by Pineo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Philpot, unanimous, 20,000 gravel, 100,000 rock ledge.
- 4) No past minutes to approve.
  - 6) Goss public records request on hold as Ross Perry also handling same request. OML response letter accepted by state, no further action taken.
  - 7) In effort to improve efficiency of Board, M. Pineo motioned to allow Chair to sign permits already voted on by Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Rivers, vote unanimous. Mailbox issue also discussed in regard to need of Chairman to be notified more timely of mail or notices by an employee as Chair and members are not at Town Hall on a daily basis.
  - 8) Regarding improvements of ERB, discussion held on necessity of having an Earth Removal Board or possibly merging with Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. Chairman will write letter to PB and ZBA to alert them to possibility of a change to the structure of ERB.
  - 9) Public session, no comments by general public.
  - 10) Next meeting scheduled for 9/20/17, agenda to be posted by Chairman.
    - 5) Due to typo on agenda, 30 Clinton Road was typed instead of 38 Clinton Road, it was agreed to defer discussion on “exempted removal activities” until next meeting. However, certain “correspondence only” was discussed, in particular that the Conservation Agent found no issues at the site regarding drainage run-off after visiting the property.

Documents Received: 1) Letter dated 9/8/17 from M. Mauro, Conservation Commission and DesMarais application by certified mail.

Submitted by: J. Kilcoyne, Clerk.