April 19, 2018

Rutland, MA Earthworks Board
Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2018

Members present: Peter Craine, Norm Anderson, Glenn Kauppila, Kate Gervais, Butch Nadeau
Members absent: none
Guests: Brian Kennedy

Meeting was called to order by Peter Craine at 6:30 PM.

Meeting Minutes

Norm moved to accept the minutes from the April 5th meeting as written.
  2nd: Butch
  Vote: Unanimous at 6:33 PM

Discussion
Guest:
Mr. Kennedy expressed concerns around construction work being conducted on Ridge Road. He stated that the Blair & Martelli companies appear to have been running a sand pit/soil processing-type operation. Mr. Kennedy reports that it is a nuisance; specifically noise, dust, and truck traffic. Peter offered nurseries as a counterpart/example of an operation where being a loam dealer is acceptable. The by-law as it stands, §B, allows for removal. Glenn questioned whether this would be considered a zoning violation. Mr. Kennedy will keep the Board apprised of the situation.

There are no updates to the board's email status.

There appears to be one open earth removal permit on Intervale Road. As the permit is for one year, it has expired at some point over its lifetime. The applicant will have to apply to renew the permit. Peter advises it was renewed last year by the Conservation Commission.

Mission Statement:
Norm moved to accept the draft labeled April 19th as the official mission statement.
  2nd: Butch
  Vote: Unanimous at 6:53 PM

Earth Removal By-law Modification:
Discussion continued:
Norm inquired about exemptions regarding reshaping streets on the subdivision plan. Peter suggested that the Earthworks Board be added to the Building Permit checklist. Norm asked whether the board should be conducting a site review. §4B will need to be reviewed. Peter suggested a new section be added: Determination of Applicability. Kate asked the intent of asking where the material goes, what the board will and can do with that information.

It appears that the board will need to distinguish between earth removal and import, and will need to decide if one by-law is sufficient to cover both.

Application Submissions:
None

Hearings:
None

Correspondence / Email:
ESRI Newsletter
Town Street List

Other Business:
None

Next Meeting:
The board will next meet on May 17th at 6:30 PM at the Community Hall Annex.

Adjournment:
Norm moved to adjourn the meeting.
2nd: Butch
Vote: Unanimous at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Gervais