



## Town of Northborough

Earthwork Board  
65 Main Street, Northborough, MA 01532  
Conference Room B  
Wednesday, April 6th, 2011

Present: Janet Sandstrom, Fred Philcox, and Anthony Ziton

Absent: Nick Howorth and Tom Beals

Also Present: Fred Litchfield - Town Engineer; Eileen Dawson - Recording Secretary, Kurt Sjostedt- New England Development; Paul Cincotta – New England Development; Ziad Ramadan – Newton Street; Bob Gleeson – Abu Construction.

At 7:07 pm, Ms. Sandstrom opened the Earth Removal Board meeting.

### **Northborough Crossing (formerly the Loop) has requested a bond reduction:**

Mr. Sjostedt and Mr. Cincotta, representatives of New England Development, began discussions on the bond reduction request for Northborough Crossing (formerly the Loop). Earth Removal Board members and Mr. Litchfield discussed the original bond amount of \$300K, reduced to \$240K last year, and the amount of earth work still remaining. Mr. Litchfield explained his concerns for not recommending the complete bond release, but support for reducing the amount to \$100K. Board members discussed. Ms. Sandstrom requested action.

***Mr. Philcox motioned, Mr. Ziton seconded, and it was unanimously voted, “To release the bond amount of \$140K and accrued interest to Kevin Giblin for the Northborough Crossing (formerly the Loop) permit reducing the bond amount from \$240K to 100K.”***

Mr. Litchfield commented that he would send a letter to the treasurer requesting the bond reduction amount and accrued interest be sent to Mr. Kevin Giblin (applicant for the permit).

### **Old Business:**

- **Proposed Bylaw Changes for Earth Removal-**

Mr. Litchfield explained the proposed changes to the Local Bylaw to include: bringing fill in or off the site and legal counsel’s advice of changing the name of the Earth Removal Board to reflect any earthwork done. Mr. Litchfield explained that the proposed name change would be Earthwork Board.

Mr. Litchfield explained the proposed fee changes for permit applications (fees have not been raised since 2003) to reflect an increase from \$150 to \$300 for renewal permit filings and from \$250 to \$500 for new permit filings to cover the increase in the town’s costs.

Ms. Sandstrom asked for audience sharing; Mr. Ramadan, 85 Newton Street resident, expressed his concerns with the increase in fees and the economic climate. Mr. Litchfield explained the town's need to cover costs and the 8 years that have passed since the fees have been reviewed or raised.

- 432 Whitney Street – Board members and Mr. Litchfield discussed the update on Mr. Anza's property.

### **Public Hearings:**

#### **Renewal Permit**

Abu Construction  
100 Lincoln Street  
Map 62, Parcel 44

Board members began the Public Hearing for Abu Construction at 7:46 pm (time applicant was present). Mr. Gleeson explained the update on earthwork progress at 100 Lincoln Street including: construction on building #2 (3 units within the building) has started with the pouring of walls starting today. Board members asked questions. Ms. Sandstrom requested action.

*Mr. Philcox motioned, Mr. Ziton seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To renew the Earth Removal permit for Abu Construction at 100 Lincoln Street."*

### **Review Minutes of December 1, 2010:**

Board members discussed the minutes and had no changes.

*Mr. Philcox motioned, Mr. Ziton seconded, and it was unanimously voted, "To approve the December 1, 2010 Earth Removal Board minutes."*

### **FYI:**

- Tentative date for the next meeting Wednesday, May 4, 2011 that will start at 7:00 pm. Board members discussed the next meeting date.
- Town Meeting scheduled on April 25, 2011. Mr. Litchfield reminded all about the upcoming town meeting. Ms. Sandstrom agreed as Chairperson of the Earth Removal Board to attend the Town Meeting.

The Earth Removal Board meeting ended at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Dawson  
Board Secretary