

**Town of Freetown
Soil Board**

Minutes of the Monday, June 12, 2023 Meeting
Held hybrid, at the Multi-Purpose Senior Center, 227 Chace Road and over Zoom

Present in Person: Keven Desmarais and Charles Sullivan. **Present over Zoom:** Margaret French.

Absent: Keith Mello and Chris Mather.

Call to Order: Keven Desmarais called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

Note: As this meeting was conducted as a hybrid and a member participated remotely, all votes taken were by roll call.

Proposed Modifications for 5 ½ Bryant Street

David Peterson, VP at Cape Cod Aggregates, is present. Mr. Peterson explained the proposal is just part of good quarry management. The hours of operation, materials used, excavating, blasting frequency, or size will not change. They operate well below the state's allowed threshold, 80% below the threshold. Cape Cod Aggregates have been responsive and worked hard to mitigate any impacts to arise or concerns from neighbors. Mr. Peterson stated they're using virtually every square foot of space on this site. No new areas will be added, they're just changing the topography of the site. They'll still engage in their storm water management program, EPA testing, and testing the wells. Mr. Peterson anticipates no additional impacts outside the gates. Mr. Peterson said they've hit a good stride in the past 15 years, they present the Town with a tipping fee anywhere from \$80,000 to \$90,000 per year, and this won't change either. They're at capacity and not looking at more traffic, trucks, or selling more product than they already sell. The company has turned away a lot of business over the past 3 years, and they're trying hard to serve the diverse customer base they already have established. They're engaged to working with railroad projects, cranberry bogs, to residential projects. The company provides redi-mix to plants and local contractors. They are looking to continue to supply their very loyal customer base. Everyone is concerned about stone shortage, it's hard to meet demands but their strategy is to provide to the customer base they already have. Mr. Desmarais noted the applicant would like the board to approve increasing the footprint of the hole, by width. Mr. Peterson stated flags will be marked out before the inspection. Mr. Sullivan asked if, in the past, the Board needed to have the motion? Mr. Desmarais recalls they used to do this two times a year, but it didn't rise to this level. Cape Cod Aggregates reached out to the board first to state their intentions. Mr. Peterson noted it doesn't alter the Board's ability to inspect or pull the permit. Mr. Desmarais agreed it doesn't remove their authority, it's simply a notification on what they're doing. Mr. Peterson said they have to post a bond with the town and they're happy to increase the bond with this acreage.

A motion was made by Charles Sullivan, seconded by Margaret French, to approve this plan as the new plan of record representing the area to be excavated, and materials to be removed with the condition you can't move into that area as such time a bond has been submitted to the board. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

A motion was made by Charles Sullivan, and seconded by Margaret French, to approve the 11/19/2019, 10/26/2020, 12/20/2021, and 12/05/2022 minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Charles Sullivan, and seconded by Margaret French, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Deanna Hayes, Senior Clerk