



# Town of Sudbury

## Earth Removal Board

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### MINUTES

**MAY 12, 2022 AT 7:30 PM**

### VIRTUAL MEETING

**Members Present:** Chair Jonathan Patch, Michael Hershberg, William Ray, and Jeffrey Rose

**Members Absent:** Bryan Gammons and Benjamin Stevenson

**Others Present:** Environmental Planner Beth Suedmeyer

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM by Mr. Patch.

A roll call vote was taken. The agenda item associated with the Eversource Project (#21-2) and Discussion regarding a Memo associated with Permit Compliance, Soil Test Results, and Proposed Soil and Groundwater Management Plan was read by the Chair.

Mike Hager, Dean Bebis, and Marc Richards from Eversource were in attendance to discuss the matter with the Earth Removal Board.

Mike Hager provided an overview of the process since the permit was issued in May of 2021. The Board had discussed the submitted Soil & Groundwater Management Plan and soil test results at their previous meeting, where they requested a memo clarifying the Plan need not be revised as a result of soil testing performed at the request of the Board.

There was no discussion of the memo, other than Board members indicating the memo met their request and expectations. There was a request from the Chair for public comment and no public comment was made. A motion to approve the Soil and Groundwater Management Plan as submitted and clarified with the memo was made. There was a unanimous vote to approve the Plan as submitted and clarified with the memo, meting a condition of approval of the May 17, 2021 (#21-2) Earth Removal Permit Decision.

The next order of business was the request for a permit extension for the Eversource Project, #21-2. Mr. Hager indicated the Earth Removal Permit will expire May 17, 2022, and they had filed a request to extend that permit. The Eversource project team is finishing permitting and anticipates beginning construction this summer and a project completion near the end of 2023. The Board discussed whether they would support a 1-year extension or an extension that would allow the project to complete without another extension based on the anticipated timeline. The Board indicated they supported a 2-year permit extension that would allow completion of the project under the anticipated 18-month construction period. There was a request from the Chair

for public comment, and no public comment made. A motion was made to extend the permit 2 years, and it was voted and unanimously approved.

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the prepared meeting minutes of their meeting on April 26, 2022.

For the Administrative Update, Beth Suedmeyer indicated an Earth Removal application is anticipated soon for a project at 141 Boston Post Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.