

ON-SITE INSPECTION - DECISION ON APPLICATION

APPLICANT: ALLEN MILLER, 405 Fiddler's Reach Road, Tax Map 02, Lot 20

PROJECT: Install Rip-Rap for Erosion Control at Two Sites: Site A - 60' x 5' Wide; Site B - 65' x 6' Wide

PRESENT: Planning Board: Marie Varian, Chairman; Clifford Newell; Robert Smith; Joshua Bate

CEO: Lee Rainey

Applicant's Reps: Peter Spencer, Waterman Marine Co.; Whitney Martin, Earthscape Unlimited

The above application was presented at the May 18, 2005, Planning Board meeting (see Minutes). The proposal was discussed. The Board voted to hold an on-site inspection at 5:30 PM on Thursday, June 2nd, to determine the actual needs of the project and the Board would then render a decision at the site.

At 5:32 PM, discussion was re-opened on a motion by Smith, second by Newell, and unanimously voted.

Varian stated that Mike Morse of the DEP had visited the site with the CEO after the applicant had received the DEP's Permit by Rule. Morse's opinion was that heavy equipment would damage the land and that less fill, hand-carried, would stop further erosion.

The Board's on-site observation and discussion determined that the erosion needed to be stopped and the work done in a stable way so as to prevent further land loss.

The Board viewed the shoreline of proposed fill sites A and B and matched the plans with identifying trees, ledges, and rocks. The Board viewed the undercutting of the land by wave action and decided that the estimated 40 cu. yds. of fill material is not unreasonable. The Board viewed the land that would need to be crossed to access the sites - many trees, low bushes, blueberries, no growth under some pine trees - land is primarily forest vegetation and is not mowed. The Board decided there should be little disturbance bringing in fill along the planned route. Discussed the size of the excavator that will be used on this job - 5' in width. The Board viewed the location of the proposed cut on Site A where the excavator would access the shore - it was determined that the work could be done without removal of trees or perhaps the removal of one hemlock. Viewed Site B - rocks that had been placed in the past to stop erosion have tumbled down and are ineffectual. The Board held a detailed discussion with the contractors on all aspects of the job proposal.

Motion by Smith, second by Newell, and unanimously voted to approve the application and plans as presented. Permit was signed and the \$20.00 fee was paid.

Adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Varian, Chairman