

Questions and Answers  
Morse Brothers Earth Removal Permit  
November 2023

- Q: Are there any plans to change the easement and utilize Hemlock Lane?  
A: No, currently, the application proposes to utilize Lingan Street.
- Q: How long will the project take?  
A: The projects would entail about 720 truck loads of earth. Depending on how many loads occur per day, the project could take 4-8 weeks.
- Q: How many trucks will be going to the site on a daily basis?  
A: This is to be determined by the applicant and the Board of Selectmen and would likely come as a condition if the permit is granted.
- Q: Can we put restrictions on them such as specified hours of operation and no Holidays/Saturdays?  
A: Reasonable Restrictions can be put in place if the permit is approved.
- Q: Can we make sure the trucks are not being driven during school bus hours?  
A: Yes, again this is an example of reasonable restrictions that can be put in place.
- Q: Is Hemlock Lane going to be used?  
A: No.
- Q: I would like a general overview of the project?  
A: The application for Earth Removal can be found on the Town's website and has all the project information included.
- Q: Can the Board of Selectmen charge a fee to fix the road condition of Lingan Street?  
A: If the application is approved, and Lingan Street is damaged beyond its existing state, the Board of Selectmen would request that the applicant reimburse the Town for the cost of such repairs.
- Q: How shallow are the water lines and gas lines on Lingan Street?  
A: Both Eversource and the Water Superintendent have been consulted on this matter and the depth of the lines vary, but there is no concern regarding the integrity of the lines.
- Q: Does the proposed project include burying stumps?  
A: The Town's peer review engineer recommended that this not be allowed. If a permit is approved, this is another example of a possible condition.

- Q: They said they weren't cutting down trees but later said they are?  
A: The applicant stated that they would not be clearing trees in the existing buffer of the bogs and the homes. They are proposing to clear the trees to excavate in the proposed area.
- Q: Can the BOS enforcement include inspections by an engineer?  
A: If a permit is granted, this is something that the Board of Selectmen could look to include as a condition.
- Q: How was the abutters list compiled and why were people on Hemlock Lane included?  
A: The abutters list and notifications were compiled per the bylaw which requires notification to any property that is within 300 feet of the property of the proposed project. With that being said, because it is measured from the perimeter of the property, some of the residents on Hemlock Lane were notified.
- Q: Is this job weather dependent? What happens to the timeline if there's a frost?  
A: If a permit is granted, the goal would be to start the work immediately, but due to the colder weather arriving, the work would likely have to be finished in the Spring. Ample notice would be provided via the Town's communication resources of any changes to the proposed timeline.
- Q: Has the BOS looked at the paperwork from the previous Morse application from Eversource to see if gas lines are too shallow to support truck weight?  
A: Per Eversource, there is not any concern regarding the proposed project.
- Q: Would the location of this monitoring well in such close proximity to a large, deep drainage canal alter the observed high ground water levels in this specific monitoring well?  
A: It is possible for the drainage ditch to lower the water level in that monitoring well. However, there are five monitoring wells on the property, and they all have fairly consistent water elevations. The highest elevation recorded in any of the wells (when bogs were not flooded) was 52.6. This reading was on June 29 of this year and groundwater levels were above normal at that time due to the wet spring that we had. The Applicant has stated that they would agree to a condition that the lowest cut would be El. 57.0, which provides the minimum four feet of separation.