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MEMORANDUM

TO: Selectboard & Town Administrator
FROM: Alex Weinhagen, Director of Planning & Zoning
DATE: April 15, 2015
RE: Stormwater Regulation Revisions – Clarifications & Diagrams

At your April 6, 2015 meeting, you reviewed the Planning Commission's stormwater and erosion control regulation revision proposal. For your meeting on April 20, you asked for the following:

1. Some clarifications (minor revisions) to section references.
2. Clarifications on erosion control standard #8 from the State handbook (timing of soil stabilization after initial disturbance) – page 2 of revised, track changes draft.
3. The diagram(s) for the stormwater control section – page 4 of revised, track changes draft.

See the attached revised, track changes draft of the proposal dated April 15, 2015. This draft shows the changes related to item #1 and item #3.

I re-read erosion control standard #8 from the State handbook (little yellow book), and I think it is clear about when exposed soil must be stabilized. Please look at this section in the State handbook (page 25) for clarification. In a nutshell, our proposed regulation requires erosion control pursuant to requirement #8 in the handbook, and clarifies that all areas must have temporary or permanent stabilization within seven days of initial soil disturbance. After the initial seven days, continued disturbance in the same area must be stabilized at the end of each work day. Exceptions to this rule say that stabilization is not required if: a) earthwork is to continue in the area within the next 24 hours and no precipitation is forecast for those 24 hours; b) the work is occurring in a self-contained excavation with a depth of two feet or more and no outlet (e.g., house foundation excavation, utility trenches).

I believe you wanted to finalize these changes before you warned a public hearing on the proposed regulation revisions. If, after your discussion, you're satisfied with the changes, Trevor and I can warn a public hearing for one of your upcoming meetings. I believe the next available given the 15-day notice requirement is your May 18 meeting.