

# Cambridge Planning Commission Meeting Minutes 11/18/2013

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Cambridge Planning Commission mtg minutes: Nov 18, 2013 6:35 start

Attendees: John/Nancy Hayden, Rick Marsh/John Grenier, Ann Gillian, Rebecca Pfeiffer-ANR, Deb Nevil, Carol Plante, Justin Marsh.

PC members: Jill R, Michael M, Doug B, Werner B, April E.

Discussion of Fox Hill Drive/Rick Marsh Act 250 permit application for fill.

**John and Nancy Hayden** had requested and were provided time to comment on this application.

**Rick Marsh showed up with John Grenier** (his engineer) to provide comment. They were given time as well.

**John and Nancy** discussed the potential negative impacts to their existing property/business adjacent to the Marsh proposed fill site.

**John H** mentioned several factors- increased flooding being the primary one. Erosion, Aesthetics, and other considerations also. Potential lost cash value of existing planted crops was also brought up.

Michael Moser is unsure if this is a consideration.

**Haydens** want the PC to take a stand and oppose the application.

**Michael Moser** did not want the discussion to move beyond the actual fill application. This discussion is not about what development might/would be placed eventually on a fill site. That is not under consideration at this point and would be considered under additional applications.

**April Edwards** asked about the Historic Nature of the Hayden barns that would be impacted.

**John Grenier and Rick Marsh** discussed the terms of the application as described in the application.

Discussed total fill and reclaimed fill from existing location. Raise water level in immediate area by 1.66 inches. Using "bathtub" calculation.

**Rick Marsh**- states he is being "forced" to develop the field now due to new restrictions, but he would rather keep this property as a meadow....

After both parties left, the PC, remaining public and Rebecca P stayed on to discuss.

**Rebecca Pfeiffer**- ANR would prefer no filling in floodplain- at this location. The "old" rules still technically apply, but are not valid anymore and are changing.

Discussion of alternatives to help Rick accomplish his dev goals: Posts/columns rather than fill, reimburse Haydens for lost crops/flooding, Move fill location to near Fox Hill Drive- focus development at that end of the field and leave the existing flood area/prime ag soils alone....

Reviewed and approved Oct 21, Aug 19, July 29 mtg minutes.

Reviewed mail and need further review of Smuggs Notch modification of affordable housing area definition for their development??? **Michael Moser.**