

Earthwork Board  
Town of Berlin, MA

The Berlin Select Board, acting in its capacity as Berlin Earthwork Board, will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 12, 2021, at 8:15 p.m. to consider the application of Steven F. Venincasa, Owner/Developer, Homes at Highland Ridge, LLC ("Applicant") for the importation of material and disturbance of an estimated sixteen (16) acre portion of land within the Earthworks job locus consisting of 78.53 acres as located off 64 Highland Street, Berlin, MA and identified in its entirety as Berlin Assessors Map 15/ Parcel 27.

Applicant describes Earthworks activities (both performed-to-date and proposed) as follows:

1. blasted 10,000 yards of ledge then crushed and used on site for purposes:
  - a. large boulders: slope stabilization and
  - b. small product: road foundation; and IMPORTING
2. 1 ½" stone (7,500 yards) for roadways;
3. ¾" stone (20,000 yards) for foundations and pipe laying; and
4. ¾" dense gravel (15,000 yards) for roads, driveways.
5. All Earth materials numbered 2-through-4 above to be sourced from Kimball Sand and Gravel. To date and approximate only: half on-site & half (still) to be delivered.

This Public Hearing will be conducted virtually-only on the Zoom webinar platform with log-in information as follows:

1. Webinar link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/148969555>
2. iPhone one-tap: +16465588656,,148969555# or +13017158592,,148969555#
3. Telephone: Dial +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592 Webinar ID: 148 969 555

Any persons wishing to be heard on this matter may appear at the above stated time and place. The application & plan, as filed with the Berlin Select Board Office on June 16, 2021 and updated June 17, 2021, can be viewed online at:

<https://www.townofberlin.com/earthwork-advisory-committee/pages/applications-filed>.

BERLIN SELECT BOARD: Margaret Stone, R. Scott Hawkins, Christine Keefe

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APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS ONLY  
*Guidance on providing the mandatory Public Hearing NOTICE.*

**This Earthwork Board Public Hearing NOTICE must be sent** via your own effort and expense with proof provided to this office on both counts BEFORE hearing start time/date as follows:

(1) **US Mail Certified & Return Receipt Requested to all abutters per Assessors Office** list you attain at your own effort and expense by advising Assessors of an Earthworks Hearing.

(a) Copy the Select Board Office on ALL:

- (i) Green RRR Receipts as Red-Stamped by USPS indicating proof of deposit of RRR Mail into USPO system - *{PHOTOCOPY ONLY, YOU RETAIN ORIGINAL SLIPS FOR YOUR RECORDS\*\*}*
- (ii) Green RRR signed returned postcards, illustrating YOUR receipt of the signed return receipt cards. They are to be addressed for return to YOU and not the Town. *{As these come in, and as they may come back to you in waves, please be sure to ensure that ALL ORIGINAL GREEN CARDS RETURNED TO YOUR ADDRESS ARE PROVIDED TO THIS OFFICE ON/BEFORE DATE/TIME OF HEARING\*\*} or, in the alternative where no green card(s) return from any particular abutter(s)*
- (iii) Unopened/intact (RRR sticker and Green Card attached) envelope(s) containing said NOTICE but unclaimed, for whatever reason and as stated by the USPS. This indicates to the Board that USPS attempts at delivery failed, for whatever reason stated thereon the envelope *{Please ensure that ALL ORIGINAL UNOPENED/INTACT ENVELOPE(S) ARE PROVIDED TO THIS OFFICE ON/BEFORE THE DATE/TIME OF HEARING\*\*}*
- (iv) **\*\*It is acknowledged & understood that due to circumstances beyond your control, you may not receive from the USPS all RRR Green Cards and/or unopened envelopes back to your address in time to turnover these items to the Select Board Office before the hearing date/time but best-efforts must be employed to do so. Post-hearing documentation indicating (attempted) delivery will be gladly accepted by the Select Board Office for your file.**

(2) Via email to Telegram and Gazette LEGAL NOTICES for publication in your choice of newspapers but within the publication deadline required.

(a) Ensure publication by no less than twenty-one (21) days before hearing

date

- (b) Otherwise, your hearing will need to be rescheduled at your own effort and expense - avoid unneeded delay!
- (c) **publication deadline: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 IN PRINT** (not online-only) **in either:**
- **Clinton Item (Friday/Weekly - deadline generally Wednesday at 9AM)**
  - **Telegram & Gazette (daily - contact for soonest edition possible)**
  - **SAME email address: [legalnotices@telegram.com](mailto:legalnotices@telegram.com)**
  - As you pay, you will receive the “proof” they generate for YOUR review before publication and using EXACTLY the text we provide.
- (d) After publication, YOU send THIS OFFICE VIA EMAIL a PDF of the “Tear Sheet” showing exactly which edition, page # and location on the page this legal notice ran IN PRINT. Email the “tear sheet” (original newspaper page not needed, but Tear Sheet at minimum IS required to [selectmen@townofberlin.com](mailto:selectmen@townofberlin.com)) *immediately following publication* so that this office is aware if (i) you satisfied the newspaper publication requirement or (ii) *need a new hearing date/time*.

All pre-hearing documentation to be filed with this office as follows:

1. “copies”: via email [selectmen@townofberlin.com](mailto:selectmen@townofberlin.com) OR fax (978) 838-2442
2. “originals”:
  - US Mail: Select Board Office, 23 Linden Street, Box #6, Berlin, MA 01503
  - In-Hand - same address as above, 2nd floor, Select Board Office Room 206 OR Mail Room 204 and place in “Select Board” mail slot
  - Green Front Lobby Lock Box WITH email notice to retrieve same documents sent to the Select Board’s Office at [selectmen@townofberlin.com](mailto:selectmen@townofberlin.com)

***This NOTICE with instructions emailed to***

***Applicant Steven F. Venincasa:***

***Date: 6/17/2021***

***Publication Deadline: on or before Tuesday, June 22, 2021***