

Amy Ow

From: Dave Michaels <dm94402@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 8:45 AM
To: Camille Leung
Cc: Steve Monowitz; Dave Pine; Amy Ow
Subject: Re: Highlands noise and road use by builder

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Good morning.

It sounds like what you're saying is rather than incur the cost to rent the appropriate and street-legal vehicle to transport this gravel and dirt between the lots - one time - the builder instead repurposed an excavator and used it as an inefficient hauler. Instead of a street-legal dump truck, they used the excavator shovel to transport shovelfuls of gravel and dirt, bit by bit over many hours, nonstop between the lots, back and forth across in front of our homes. Perhaps they already had an excavator and a laborer onsite and it was more expedient - for them - to do it this way. This sounds like corner-cutting by the builder, outside of the realm of accepted best practices, and possibly not even legal, to benefit their bottom line at the public's expense. The neighborhood has to incur this cost — undue wear and tear to the road, debilitating excessive and constant noise, loss of enjoyment, increased safety vigilance, safety risk, and strong potential of gravel and rock damage to our parked cars. And we're expected to believe this is OK just because it didn't take place "outside of the allowed construction hours"?

I did not see brake lights, headlights, turn signal, license plate, or guide car. Half of the several dozen trips were done backwards without alert sounds. I do not believe this was even legal activity.

The county had no idea this was happening because there was no monitoring except from the public itself.

On Fri, Feb 18, 2022 at 3:26 PM Camille Leung <cleung@smcgov.org> wrote:

Thanks Dave. I spoke to Bob (the contractor) today regarding the back-and-forth backhoe trips. For the bioretention basins on Lots 9 and 10, he stored the gravel and dirt on Lot 11 and then had to transport them back to fill the basins on Lots 9 and 10. He is now done with the bioretention basins. He won't be storing any more materials on other lots and therefore won't need to go back-and-forth like he was. I asked him to comply with the construction hours and he says he has. The houses are nearing completion. Thank you for your patience.

From: Dave Michaels <dm94402@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 1:49 PM
To: Steve Monowitz <smonowitz@smcgov.org>; Dave Pine <dpine@smcgov.org>; Camille Leung <cleung@smcgov.org>; Amy Ow <aow@smcgov.org>
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Dear Staff, Supervisor Pine (and neighborhood Bcc'd)

There has been a backhoe or other earth mover driving across Cobblehill and New Brunswick between the subject lot on an ongoing (and at times near-constant) basis. For example, dozens of times today alone. Between lots 9/10 to lot 11, it drives backwards.

Does the permit allow for this kind of ongoing use of the roads between the subject lots?

Is this safe?

Is this necessary?

Is there a reason a second backhoe can't be used instead, in order to avoid this excessive road use and noise?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,
Dave