

Exemption Subcommittee
Conference Call
Thursday, October 24, 2019

Participants: Steve Schafer, Scott Lucas, Joe Igel, Darren Owens, Neil Tunison, Heidi Fought, Mark Neihe, Bryan Bendel, Dave Berens, Lawrence Hampton, Alice Miller

Alice began the call by reminding members that as the group discusses the “proposed exemption” list it keep in mind that if an activity most often involves a depth of more than 12” it could not be exempt most of the time and should therefore be removed from the list.

Neil Tunison provided feedback from the Ohio County Engineers, Heidi Fought provided feedback from the Ohio Township Association and Darren Owens provided feedback from the Ohio Designer Government Entity Utility Partnership.

The Subcommittee reviewed the proposed exemption list: The updated proposed exemptions document will accompany these notes.

1. Ditching – the cleaning of debris and sediment from open roadside drainage systems.

This item, in particular, has prompted a great deal of discussion and will be visited once again during the next Subcommittee call on Thursday, October 31st at 11:30 a.m.

OTA’s primary concern is that the cleaning of ditches is not only necessary, but a time sensitive issue, in order to prevent flooding. Concerns center on the question of being able to clean a ditch of debris and sediment without going down more than 12”.

Other items on the list (2-7) were accepted, or accepted with minor language changes.

It was decided to continue the review of proposed excavation items beginning with number 8 on Thursday, October 31st at 11:30 a.m.

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