



# **TOWN OF ACUSHNET**

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

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**Acushnet Planning Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 23, 2017**

**Open:** 6:30 pm

**Adjourn:** 7:21 pm

**Present:** Marc Cenerizio, Chairman  
Mark DeSilva, Sr.  
Phil Mello  
Rick Ellis

Henry Young, Planner

**Absent:** Bryan Deschamps

**Issue:** Motion is made to open meeting. Announcement is made that the meeting is being audio and video taped.

So moved: P. Mello

Second: M. DeSilva, Sr.

Vote was 4 for, 1 absent.

**Issue:** After reading, a motion is made to accept the minutes of December 16, 2016.

So moved: M. DeSilva, Sr.

Second: R. Ellis

Vote was 4 for, 1 absent.

All minutes are on file in the Planning Office, 130 Main Street, Parting Ways, 2nd floor.

**Issue:** Chairman welcomes Bryan Deschamps to the Board to fill the vacancy left by longtime member Dick Forand's retirement. Although Mr. Deschamps is absent because of a medical issue, he is welcomed by the entire Board.

**Issue:** Mail was reviewed and is attached to these minutes.

**Issue:** Payroll was signed. All financial documents are on file in the Planning Office and in Town Hall with the Finance Department.

Issue: Form A - 17 Cushing Lane - Jose Gomes and Rebecca Wood - Michael Koska

The applicants would like to build a ranch style home on the property, which was an old farm. This Form A separates the property into two lots, each with adequate frontage and area. There was an acceptable perc test and they satisfy the Board of Health stipulations.

After discussion, a motion was made to accept the Form A as submitted.

So moved: R. Ellis

Second: P. Mello

Vote was 4 for, 1 absent.

Paperwork was checked and was found to be complete. Conservation sent a letter approving the action. The plans and mylar were signed. The Board asked for the book and page when registered.

All Form As are one file at the Planning office.

Issue: Planner Update: Henry Young

Issues discussed were:

- the budget from FinCom - level funded for 7th straight year
- the Board met at the Board of Selectmen's meeting to commend the outgoing member Dick Forand for his years of service to the Town
- annual report was given to the Board of Selectmen by Henry
- for the upcoming Town Meeting in June, Planning will be sponsoring two zoning issues: 1st: on the extreme southern end of South Main Street, in the Business Village District, there is no access to sewer. We passed a bylaw for that district that required sewer and water hook-up but failed to add *when available*; and 2nd: we are seeking a temporary moratorium on the sale and distribution of recreational marijuana awaiting guidance from the state (Massachusetts Cannabis Advisory Board) through June of 2018

Motion is made to allow Henry Young to prepare 2 warrant articles and to have the Public Hearings on those issues on March 23, 2017.

So moved: P. Mello

Second: R. Ellis

Vote was 4 for, 1 absent.

- Master Plan is 10 years old and needs updating; a grant is available through SRPEDD for which Mr. Young will submit an application

Issue: Mr. Mello asks what is the Master Plan?

Mr. Young explains: The Master Plan is a document that most cities and towns now have, sort of a vision of the town for the next 10 years or so. It addresses issues such as open space, recreation, housing, transportation, economic

development, natural and cultural resources, zoning. It says here's where we are today, and here's where we want to go.

It contains lots of public input, and has led to a new library, new police station and rezoning. This document is a playbook. It contains guidance and is not mandatory.

Mr. Cenerizio would like to see what the goals were and what was accomplished be available for people to look at. Also, updates on what remains to be done: including the sewer study, the CWMP (Comprehensive Waste Management Plan), which was voted to be funded at Town Meeting and is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen and the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Ellis states that an issue that needs to be addressed in any new Master Plan are the replacement of the Hamlin Street Bridges. Currently they are posted for an unrealistic 3 ton limit, and they desperately need to be replaced. The only ways to cross the river are Hamlin Street, Lake Street, the center of Town by the River's End and Leonard Street.

Issue: Form A - 159 Mattapoissett Road - Marmello - John Romanelli, Romanelli & Associates

Plan is revised from an approved June 2016 plan. There are 2 lots to be sold, they are looking to purchase Map 10, Lot 12C. In the future, applicant would like to parcel off Lots D and E. The lots went through percolation testing and the wetlands are flagged.

After discussion, a motion is made to accept as submitted Form A for Marmello on Mattapoissett Road.

So moved: R. Ellis

Second: M. DeSilva, Sr.

Vote was 4 for, 1 absent.

Paperwork was checked and found to be complete. Plans and Mylar were signed and the Board requested the book and page when recorded.

All Form As are on file in the Planning office.

Issue: Right of First Refusal - Mattapoissett Road - Map 10, Lots 30, 34 and 35 - Machado

Notice of intent to sell Chapter 61 land. They have a purchase and sales agreement for \$376,000 and are asking the Town if they want to purchase this parcel.

After discussion, a motion was made to not purchase the land for the Town.

So moved: P. Mello

Second: R. Ellis

Vote was 4 for, 1 absent.

A letter was signed and sent to the Board of Selectmen and Mr. Noble to that effect.

All rights of first refusal requests are on file at the Planning office, and at Town Hall with the Selectmen.

Issue: Next meeting will be March 23, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Planning office, 130 Main Street, Parting Ways, 2nd floor, with the two zoning public hearings at 6:45 and 7:00.

Issue: Motion is made to adjourn at 7:21 pm.

So moved: M. DeSilva, Sr.

Second: P. Mello

Vote was 4 for, 1 absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Ellis