



TOWN OF ACUSHNET

MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE PLANNING BOARD

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Acushnet Planning Commission

Regular Minutes

October 24, 2019

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Open: 6:30 pm

Adjourn: 7:42 pm

Present: Marc Cenerizio, Chairman
Bryan Deschamps
Mark DeSilva, Sr.

Henry Young, Planner

Absent: Phil Mello
Rick Ellis

Issue: A motion is made to open the meeting at 6:30 pm.
So moved: B. Deschamps
Second: M. DeSilva, Sr.
Vote was 3 for, 2 absent.

Issue: After reading, a motion is made to accept the minutes of July 25, 2019. Also, a motion is made to accept the cancellation of two previously scheduled meetings, 8-22-19 and 9-26-19.
So moved: M. DeSilva, Sr.
Second: B. Deschamps
Vote was 3 for, 2 absent.

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

Issue: Vouchers were signed for Moniz Estates testing and payroll, and are on file in the Planning office and with the Finance Department in the Town Hall.

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

Issue: Presentation by Woodward and Curran regarding Stormwater MS4
Also present: Carol Hollis, Zachary (Unknown) and Merilee Kelly, ConCom Agent

Acushnet's renewal compliance with the permitting process was audited by the EPA on November 6, 2019. The general permit was issued last on July 1, 2018. The new federal clean water act permit obligates the Town across jurisdictions to make sure compliance is met. Regardless of federal requirements the existing stormwater management needs to be maintained. The unintended consequences of non-compliance are anything present is washed into the watershed. It may be dilute but is still present. The Clean Water Act is coming up on 50 years. It is difficult to manage and is recognized that municipalities are the only increasing source of pollution in the US.

The big three programs for stormwater are:

- 1) Construction disturbing more than 1 acre: need a permit; applicants need to be advised of this
- 2) Industrial stormwater permit: industry, metal recyclers, etc.
- 3) Municipal MS4 covers Towns and Municipalities of certain size:
 - a) Clean water act requires two separate stormwater pipes: sewer and one drainage
 - b) MS4 of the 70s- built around industrial wastewater; mid 80s - regular stormwater management; in 90s- permitting of largest municipalities (Boston, Worcester, Stanford, CT; 2003, phase 2 got permits (Acushnet is phase 2).

Compliance is in ConCom's and Planning Board's hands. Every 5 years we are required to get a new permit, but it seems to be every 10-15 years. There are consequences to the Town for not complying.

Actions to comply include:

- 1) Publicly available information
- 2) Public involvement
- 3) Finding and fixing own private septic systems to sewerage systems (new to EPA)
- 4) Construction site runoff control on any projects over 1 acre (need to get permit by developer)
- 5) Erosion control plan must be compliant with permit; town is responsible for review and inspections; there are post-construction obligations for the Town and the Developer to make sure these are maintained over time
- 6) Street sweeping and pollution control; needs to be well mapped and documented post construction; plans, data and proof need to be written down

Costs of this program would run \$200,000 to \$500,000 per year, exclusive of sweeping and catch basin cleaning. This is new, mandatory and begins now.

Issue: Form A – 120 Perry Hill Road – Dubois – 2 lots – Dave Davignon, Schneider, Davignon and Leone, Inc.

Mr. Davignon presents the plans and documents for this project. After discussion, a motion is made to accept the Form A as presented.

So moved: M. DeSilva, Sr.

Second: B. Deschamps

Vote was 3 for, 2 absent.

Paperwork was checked; plans and mylar signed. Mr. Davignon will send us recorded book and page. All Form As are on file in the Planning office.

Issue: Form A63 Club Avenue – Sabastiao – 2 lots – John Romanelli, Romaelli and Associates, Inc.

There are two lots, each 10,000 square feet. Lot 41 is making Lot 41A and Lot 41B. They do not have the required depth of 80 feet, but the ZBOA granted a waiver for a depth of 79.6 feet. They have water and sewer, and setbacks. After a discussion, a motion is made to accept the Form A as presented.

So moved: B. Deschamps

Second: M. DeSilva, Sr.

Vote was 3 for, 2 absent.

Paperwork was checked, and plans and mylar were signed. Mr. Romanelli will provide book and page after recording. All Form As are on file in the Planning office.

Issue: Planner Update: Henry Young

- The group is taking on looking into a grant to assess vulnerability of Town to climate change; \$10,000 to hire a consultant and hold workshops with ConCom, Building, Board of Health and Planning to address storm surge and sea level rise; and to continue EEE assessment in Town; letters of support from Town would help- Marc Cenerizio signs the letter in support

Issue: Next meeting is set for November 21, 2019. It was subsequently cancelled for no interest. At that time, a new meeting was set for December 30, a Monday, at 6:30 pm in the Planning office.

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:42 pm.

So moved: M. DeSilva, Sr.

Second: B. Deschamps

Vote was 3 for, 2 absent.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. Ellis

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