



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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MINUTES OF August 8, 2017 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Present: Robert Rocha
Everett Philla
Heidi Pelletier
Ted Cioper
Evelyn Bouley

Absent:
Marc Brodeur

Merilee Kelly, Agent
Christine Lagasse, Senior Clerk

I. Meeting called to Order at 6:05 P.M.

II. Minutes for approval:

July 11, 2017 - A motion was made by Everett Philla to approve the minutes of July 11. The motion was seconded by Heidi Pelletier. Motion passed 5-0.

III. Meeting Mail:

Tighe & Bond Engineers sent a Notice of Utility Maintenance Activities NSTAR Electric Line 112 Utility Structure Maintenance Project for Acushnet, Massachusetts.

Agent Kelly reviewed the Notice of Utility Maintenance Activities with the Commission and also passed it around to the Commission for review.

IV. Appointments: (none)**V. Old Business:**

There is still an opening on the Commission for new member; anyone interested should send a letter of interest to either the Selectmen or Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly.

VI. New Business:

RDA – Acushnet Company / Manchester Lane – A Request for Determination of Applicability was filed by Acushnet Company for property located at Manchester Lane, Map 11, Lot(s) 25C.34. The applicant is proposing to perform various remedial roadway repairs for a section of Manchester Lane. The repairs consist of supplementing existing bluestone shoulders, removing and repaving a small 15'X14' section of pavement and adding approximately 165 linear feet of bituminous concrete curb and is located within the 100 foot buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant would like to know whether the work depicted on plan(s) referenced is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The applicant is represented by G.A.F. Engineering, Inc.

Bill Madden from G.A.F. Engineering had a recently revised plan and distributed the plan to the Commission for review as he explained the project. Mr. Madden explained the revision and also what the project entails. Mr. Madden pointed out on the plan where the road repairs are to take place. He explained on the North side of the roadway the bluestone had eroded so more bluestone will be added and compacted. Also, on the opposite side of the road new curbing will be added and two (2) drainage swales will be repaired. The part of the road where the alligator cracking is occurring will also be repaired. Mr. Madden said the repairs should take approximately one (1) day. He also mentioned that he would only like to put the erosion control on the westerly side portion of the project. Any additional erosion control would be left up to the discretion of the Commission if they wanted a larger portion of erosion control along the project.

Agent Kelly questioned Mr. Madden if the bituminous concrete was the same as the curbing. He said that it was the same product. Mr. Madden pointed out the road is a little tipped from the North to the South so the runoff should be contained against the curbing on the South side of the roadway and directed to the paved waterways and keep it from eroding. Robert Rocha concurred the repairs are necessary as the situation would worsen over time. Everett Philla stated there was no reason to hold the project up.

Everett Philla made a motion to issue the permit with a Negative determination. The motion was seconded by Evelyn Bouley. Motion passes 5-0.

Agent Updates:

Agent Kelly updated the Commission on the latest replication area the Commission has been monitoring and it is about half dead. Agent Kelly has made a call to find out who the new owners of the property are. Once she has obtained the information she will explain to them about replication areas. The replication area is at 1432 North Main Street.

Butterfly season is in full bloom at the Pollinator Garden. Several Monarch butterflies can be seen. Agent Kelly said if anyone would like to volunteer with the upkeep of the Pollinator Garden, such as pulling weeds, mulching, etc. to please contact Agent Kelly at the Town Hall.

Heidi Pelletier will be at the Acushnet Farmers Market this Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 9am – 1 pm. They will be having the Mass. Agricultural Celebration. Heidi will be there with her bees.

VII. Future Business:

- The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on Tuesday, August 22, 2017

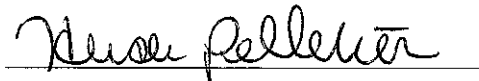
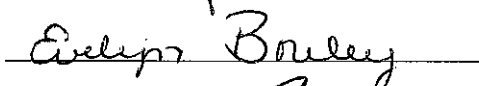

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 P.M.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ted Cioper. The motion was seconded by Everett Philla. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Lagasse, Senior Clerk
Acushnet Conservation Commission

Minutes Approved:

Date: 8-22-17