



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of Acushnet  
Conservation Commission  
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Robert Rocha, Chairman  
Everett Philla, Vice- Chairman  
Heidi Pelletier  
Evelyn Bouley  
Paul Valente  
Richard Pimentel  
Ryan Rezendes

Patrick Hannon, Conservation Agent  
Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk

MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2022  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

**Present:** Robert Rocha, Chairman  
Everett Philla  
Ryan Rezendes  
Richard Pimentel  
Heidi Pelletier

**Absent:** Paul Valente  
Evelyn Bouley

Patrick Hannon – via Zoom  
Joann DeMello

Kevin Kelly – Acushnet Company  
William Madden – G.A.F. Engineering

**Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**Minutes for approval:** None.

**Meeting Mail:** Letter from McGregor Legere & Stevens regarding P.J. Keating Co. Agent Hannon is waiting for Town Counsel response.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

R. Rezendes made a motion to open the public hearing. E. Philla seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**(Public Hearing) NOI – Acushnet Company / 115 Manchester Lane SE 001-0571** A Notice of Intent was filed by Acushnet Company for property located at 115 Manchester Lane, Map 11, lot 25C.34. The applicant proposes to construct a 55' X 110' visitors center with associated parking lot reconfiguration, utilities, subsurface sewage disposal system and stormwater management system within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. Work proposed is limited to drainage improvements and the construction of an infiltration basin. The applicant is represented by William Madden of G.A.F. Engineering. Plan name is "Test Facility Visitors Center prepared for Acushnet Company" dated April 26, 2022. Commission members conducted a site visit on Saturday. Mr. William Madden was present to discuss this project. Mr. Madden said the wetland resource area abuts the construction area, area has been flagged and 2 test pits were augured. An overview of the buildings and septic system, grading and drainage was discussed. The sediment and erosion control plan was discussed. Chairman Rocha asked Mr. Madden about the use of hay bales, they are not recommended, straw wattles only to be used. Agent Hannon asked about TSS (Total Suspended Solids) during construction – periodic testing and sampling? Agent Hannon would like to be present in the event that construction dewatering needs to take place to make sure the filter sock is working properly. Mr. Madden said plan sheet #10 shows the concrete washout detail. Agent Hannon asked about the construction timeline. Mr. Kelly requested a continuance to the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. E. Philla made a motion to continue the hearing until June 8, 2022. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**Discussion:**

- Agent Hannon received an email regarding no overtime for the Clerk. Notice of Intent money can be used to pay overtime – no burden to the taxpayers. H. Pelletier made a motion to use WPA – Notice of Intent account to pay the overtime costs. E. Philla seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- Agent Hannon informed the Commission that the budget has been frozen per Town Administrator.

**Stormwater:**

- Agent Hannon gave an overview of the Stormwater by-law and Regulation, it was tabled at the Town Meeting. R. Rezendes questioned Article 15 passed at the May 10, 2021 meeting. Agent Hannon is not aware of it, he will research it and contact the Town Clerk.

**Agent Updates:**

Held under Discussion.

**Public Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.**

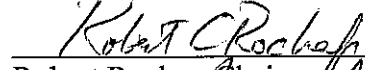
A motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by R. Rezendes. The motion was seconded by H. Pelletier. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted:

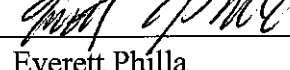


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Minutes Approved:



Robert Rocha - Chairman



Everett Philla

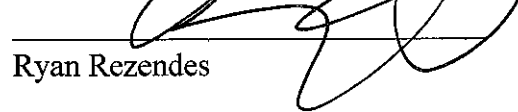
absent

Evelyn Bouley



Heidi Pelletier

Richard Pimentel



Ryan Rezendes

Paul Valente

absent

Date signed: July 27, 2022