



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Town of Acushnet

Conservation Commission

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Merilee Kelly, Conservation Agent
Christine Lagasse, Senior Clerk

MINUTES OF May 22, 2018 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Present:

Robert Rocha
Everett Philla
Evelyn Bouley
Heidi Pelletier
Paul Valente

Absent:

Ted Cioper
Marc Brodeur

Christine Lagasse, Senior Clerk
Merilee Kelly, Agent

I. Meeting called to Order at 6:00 P.M.

II. Minutes for approval:

May 8, 2018

May 8, 2018 - A motion was made by Evelyn Bouley to approve the minutes of May 8. The motion was seconded by Everett Philla. Motion passed 5-0.

III. Meeting Mail: (none)

IV. Appointments: (none)

V. Old Business: (none)

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VI. New Business:

RDA – Ferreira / 7 Evergreen Drive – A Request for Determination of Applicability was filed by Paula Ferreira for property located 7 Evergreen Drive, Acushnet, MA. Map 21, Lot 20M. The applicant proposes to install an in-ground swimming pool within the 100 foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.

Dan Cosby of Dartmouth Pools & Spas explained the project stating the proposed dimensions of the in-ground pool being installed is 23' X 37' and will be in a grassy area. Agent Kelly stated the pool will be installed approximately 10 feet or less from the house to the pool edge and 50 feet away from any wetlands area. Mr. Cosby explained the filter equipment will be placed far off to the left side of the property and will not impact any wetland area. Mr. Rocha asked if any major grading will be done. Mr. Cosby said the area the pool is being placed in is a flat surface, so no major grading will be done.

A motion to issue with a negative determination was made by Everett Philla, and was seconded by Heidi Pelletier. Motion passes 5-0.

NOI – Ferreira / 188 Leonard Street (SE001-0528) – A Notice of Intent was filed by Jeff Ferreira for property located at 188 Leonard Street, Map 20, Lot 7B.7F. The applicant proposes to install a 10.8 KW ground solar system located within the 100 ft. buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by Isaksen Solar. The plan name is "The Jeffrey Ferreira Residence". Plan dated 5/14/18.

Ryan Rego of Isaksen Solar said the exact dimensions of the solar system to be installed is 17' X 32', and is a ground mounted system. He also explained the original plans showed concrete pads to be installed but was changed to a stake/screw system. Mr. Rego distributed to the Commission the revised plan which showed a stake/screw system for the solar panels. He said this installation would be less invasive to the earth.

Paul Valente asked how many of the stake/screws will be installed. Mr. Rego said there would be 14 of them installed. Mr. Rocha asked Mr. Rego if the coverage of the panels would not be changed, though the level of previous surface has increased. Agent Kelly asked what will be done with the trees in the back of the property where the project is being done. Mr. Rego stated the trees will be removed, to get more sun to the solar panels. Mr. Rocha asked what would the solar panels power. Mr. Rego said they would be used to power the home only.

No votes were taken on the project as it has not yet been assigned a DEP file number.

A motion to continue until the next meeting (June 12, 2018) was made by Everett Philla and was seconded by Paul Valente. Motion passes 5-0.

Agent Updates:

- Agent Kelly reviewed a letter received from David Sol's attorney; the letter was discussed amongst the Commission.
- Construction of the garage on Ward Street being built just for storage has been started. The ground has been cleared in the area and some materials have been laid down.
- There is a proposed solar field being discussed for White's Woods. The area is approximately 20-30 acres.
- The pollinator garden is beginning to bloom. Agent Kelly has 1 volunteer who helps a lot in the garden; she is looking for additional volunteers.

VII. Future Business:

- The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on Tuesday , June 12, 2018

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Lagasse, Senior Clerk
Acushnet Conservation Commission

Minutes Approved:

Heidi Pelletier
Robert Rochefort
Everett Philla
Everett Bailey

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