



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of Acushnet  
Conservation Commission  
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Robert Rocha, Chairman  
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Heidi Pelletier  
Evelyn Bouley  
Paul Valente

Merilee Kelly, Conservation Agent  
Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk

**MINUTES OF September 11, 2018 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

<b>Present:</b>	Robert Rocha	<b>Absent:</b>	Marc Brodeur
	Evelyn Bouley		Ted Cioper
	Heidi Pelletier		
	Everett Philla		
	Paul Valente		

Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk  
Merilee Kelly, Agent

**I. Meeting called to order at 6:47 P.M.** The start of the meeting was delayed to allow for members of the Commission to attend the September 11, 2001 memorial activities at the Acushnet Fire Station.

**II. Minutes for approval:**

August 28, 2018

A motion was made by E. Philla to approve the minutes of August 28. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**III. Meeting Mail:** (none)

**IV. Appointments:** (none)

**V. Old Business:**

**NOI – DaCosta / 216 Leonard Street (SE001-XXXX)** – A Notice of Intent was filed by Timmy DaCosta for property located at 216 Leonard Street, Map 20, Lot 9A. The applicant proposes to install a retaining wall on the river side of the property within the 100 ft. buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. Plan name is "Subsurface sewage disposal for Fernando & Maria DaCosta". Plan date is August 3, 2016.

DEP has not issued a file number; they are waiting for proof of mailing to Natural Heritage. E. Philla made a motion to continue to the next meeting. P. Valente seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

## **VI. New Business:**

**NOI – Oliveira / 1393 Main Street (SE001-529)** – A Notice of Intent was filed by Ronald Oliveira for property located at 1393 Main Street, Map 4, Lot 39H. The applicant proposes to construct a 24' X 38' garage and new driveway in the buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by S & K Engineering LLC. Plan name is "Septic system design plan for Ronald Oliveira". Plan date is 7/31/2018.

The Commission has received a file # from DEP – (SE001-529). The project was discussed at the last meeting and the following special conditions were approved: 1. The stone wall is to remain in place and the driveway is to remain gravel. E. Philla made a motion to issue a positive order of conditions, along with the approved special conditions. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**NOI – D.P.M. Development / Off North Side of Blaise Drive (SE001 –530)** – A Notice of Intent was filed by D.P.M. Development Corp. for property located at the North Side of Blaise Drive, Map 12, Lots 18A.1, 11C and 11D. The applicant proposes to construct a 17 lot subdivision off the North side of Blaise Drive within the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by SITEC, Inc. Plan name is "Subdivision plan of Moniz Estates". Plan date is July 26, 2018.

Agent Kelly received a phone call from Jeff Tallman-SITEC, Inc. to request a continuance to October 9, 2018. Mr. Tallman said they have a meeting with the Planning Board on October 4, 2018. H. Pelletier made a motion to approve the request. E. Philla seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**RDA – Joshua Sol / 181 Peckham Road** – A Request for Determination of Applicability was filed by Joshua Sol for property located at 181 Peckham Road, Acushnet, MA Map 2, Lot 12B. The applicant proposes to construct a new 24' X 36' metal frame building within the 100 foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.

Commission members did a site visit on Saturday. The existing shed has been moved over to the left and the new garage will be installed. E. Philla would like hay bales or straw waddles to be placed approximately 10 to 15 feet on either side of the project. E. Philla made a motion for a negative determination with the condition of the hay bales or straw waddles to be placed approximately 10 to 15 feet on either side of the project. P. Valente seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

## **Guest Speaker:**

Robert Moir from the Ocean River Institute did a presentation on clean water and lawn care by-laws. Mr. Moir said nitrogen found in fertilizer is harmful to our water resources. An established lawn doesn't need fertilizer in the summertime. There is a product, a slow release nitrogen coated with carbon that Mr. Moir recommends using on lawns. Mr. Moir would also like to see the residents of Acushnet educated regarding using grass clippings to keep their lawns naturally healthy, noting that this would not apply to farmers. The Town of

Falmouth has a by-law they have adopted in 2013 and he gave the Commission members a copy to review.

**Agent Updates:**

Agent Kelly had the following updates:

- Joshua Arruda - property located at 148 & 158 Peckham Road, she noticed no erosion control in place. Agent Kelly will check on the minutes to see what the Commission had voted on and keep an update on the property.
- Sol/Cote - location Nestle's Lane – It has been determined that Mr. Sol is outside of the buffer zone.
- The next site visit scheduled for D.P.M. Development – off Blaise Drive, Agent Kelly will request the following items from the engineer suggested by the Commission.
  1. Representative should be present at site visit to guide the Commission.
  2. Area should be marked out and mowed, due to flags are hard to see.

**VII. Future Business:**

- The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on Tuesday, September 25, 2018.

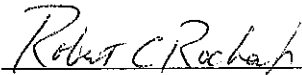
**VIII. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.**

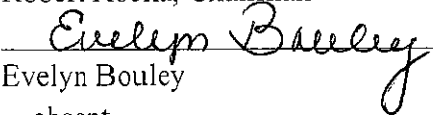
A motion to adjourn was made by E. Philla. The motion was seconded by P. Valente.  
Motion passed 5-0.

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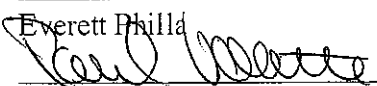
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Minutes Approved:

  
Robert Rocha, Chairman

  
Evelyn Bouley  
absent

Ted Cioper  
  
Heidi Pelletier

Everett Philla  
  
Paul Valente

Date: 10/23/18