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MINUTES OF August 14, 2018 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Present: Robert Rocha
Everett Philla
Evelyn Bouley
Paul Valente

Absent: Marc Brodeur
Heidi Pelletier
Ted Cioper

Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk
Merilee Kelly, Agent

I. Meeting called to order at 6:02 P.M.

II. Minutes for approval:

June 26, 2018

A motion was made by E. Philla to approve the minutes of June 26. The motion was seconded by E. Bouley. Motion passed 4-0.

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.

This is an after the fact filing. The commission members did a site visit to review the retaining wall. Mr. DaCosta was present at the meeting, Chairman Rocha informed him that the Commission has not yet received a DEP file number, therefore they cannot vote on it

tonight. Chairman Rocha stated he does not need Mr. DaCosta to return to the next meeting for approval, the work has been properly completed. E. Philla made a motion to place on the next agenda. E. Bouley seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

COC – NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy 143 Peckham Rd (SE001 – 0517) - A Certificate of Compliance was filed by NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for property located at 143 Peckham Road, Map 2 Lots 3C & 3D. The applicant proposed maintenance and minor improvements to the perimeter access road and reestablishment of the crushed gravel base. Also, the access road was widened in select locations to improve vehicle maneuverability and site safety. Plan date is June 2017.

The Commission members did a site visit, the road has been widened and everything has grown back in nicely. No issues. E. Philla made a motion to approve the certificate of compliance. E. Bouley seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

VI. New Business:

RDA – Valued Home Properties, LLC / 60 Tootle Lane – A Request for Determination of Applicability was filed by Valued Home Properties, LLC for property located at 60 Tootle Lane, Acushnet, MA, Map 15 Lot 116. The applicant proposes to demolish the existing dwelling and construct a new dwelling; extend the gas main to the new construction dwellings, within the 100 foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.

Melanie Stone from Valued Home Properties was present to discuss the project. There is an existing trailer that will be demolished; an existing gas main to the last home will be extended to the new dwellings. Melanie provided the Commission with a letter from Eversource detailing the project. E. Bouley would like to note that there is a pile of debris and leaves at the end of the street. A motion was made by P. Valente to issue a negative determination. E. Bouley seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

COC – Paul Levasseur / 25 Lague Street (SE001-0263) (SE001-361) - A Certificate of Compliance was filed by Paul Levasseur for property located at 25 Lague Street, Map 18, lots 156 & 157. The applicant proposed construction of a 26' X 26' garage/addition and restoration of altered wetlands within the 100 foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.

The Commission did a site visit. Mr. Levasseur had been ordered to do a wetlands replication – vegetation looks good – it's all grown in. Agent Kelly added a pipe needed to be dug up to allow flow, and that has been fixed. E. Bouley made a motion to issue a certificate of compliance. P. Valente seconded the motion. E. Philla abstained. Motion passed 3-0.

Agent Updates:

Agent Kelly updated the Commission on Mr. Sol and Mr. Cote of Nestle's Lane. Mr. Cote told Agent Kelly that Mr. Sol has been adding to his driveway creating run off and rotting Mr. Cote's shed. Chairman Rocha asked if it's an issue Mr. Marot could address? Agent Kelly suggested building a "lip", or berm, to solve this problem. E. Bouley asked if the Commission should go out to the property due to the new activity. Chairman Rocha said if it affects the wetlands the Commission could go back out. Chairman Rocha suggested Agent

Kelly reach out to MACC and have her send a letter to Mr. Sol regarding minimizing the runoff.

E. Bouley would like Agent Kelly to bring a camera to every site visit. Agent Kelly said the Commission owns one and she will bring it along or have it available for the site visits.

Agent Kelly informed the Commission that a guest speaker from the Ocean River Institute will be here speaking on September 11th about cleaner water and a lawn care bylaw. Agent Kelly will invite the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health and the Planning Board.

Agent Kelly spoke about the status of member Marc Brodeur. Town Clerk Labonte said that a resignation letter has to be placed on file. Agent Kelly will send a letter to Mr. Brodeur.

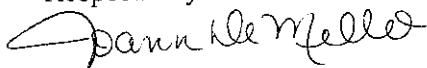
VII. Future Business:

- The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on Tuesday, August 28, 2018.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 P.M.

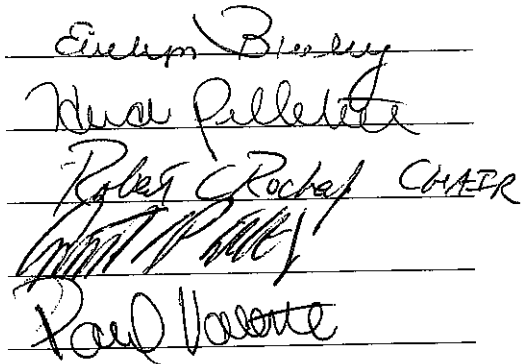
A motion to adjourn was made by E. Philla. The motion was seconded by P. Valente. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted:



Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk
Acushnet Conservation Commission

Minutes Approved:



Date: August 28, 2018