



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Acushnet
Conservation Commission
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MINUTES OF December 11, 2018 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Present: Robert Rocha
Evelyn Bouley
Heidi Pelletier
Everett Philla

Absent: Ted Cioper
Marc Brodeur
Paul Valente
Joann DeMello

Merilee Kelly, Agent

I. Meeting called to order at 6:06 P.M.

II. Minutes for approval:

A motion was made by H. Pelletier to approve the minutes of November 13, 2018. E. Philla seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

III. Meeting Mail: none

IV. Appointments: none

V. Old Business:

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 on 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 said they are finishing up with the Planning Board. E. Philla made a motion to continue until our next meeting. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

VI. New Business:

RDA – Kearsarge Acushnet, LLC / 588 Middle Road – A Request for Determination of Applicability was filed by Industria Engineering, Inc. for property located at 588 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA, Map 21 Lots 9A and 15. The applicant proposes to install a 1.9 megawatts solar array within the 100 foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by Industria Engineering – Michael Lotti.

Michael Lotti was present to discuss the project – he brought in an aerial photo. The applicant is not clearing any trees on the land. The upland bogs will be the location for the installation of posts for the solar array. The only area that will be impacted will be the pole line at the street – they will be replaced with larger poles. Mr. Lotti stated that they will be installing approximately 7000 solar panels. The battery unit is stored in a self-contained storage area.

Agent Kelly asked if he was familiar with the State Smart program which has the solar panels installed over the cranberry bogs. Yes, but it is much more costly to install them over the bogs and they would like to maximize the use of the solar array.

Agent Kelly also asked if anyone has approached the Town about the property coming out of Chapter 61A? Andrew B. of Kearsarge Acushnet, LLC has been in touch with the Assessor's Office. Straw wattles and silt fence were discussed. E. Philla made a motion to issue a negative determination with the stipulation that around the roadway area silt fence is to be installed and for the rest of the project straw wattles will be used. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

RDA – Town of Acushnet DPW – A Request for Determination of Applicability was filed by the Acushnet Department of Public Works for property located on Mendall Road. The applicant proposes to replace a culvert and catch basins on Mendall Road within the 100 foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.

Dan Menard, Superintendent of the DPW, was present to discuss this project. Dan would like to upsize the pipes in the road and upgrade the catch basins. This work would begin in the spring. E. Philla made a motion to issue a negative determination. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Agent Updates: Agent Kelly had the following updates:

- Arruda property 148 Peckham Road – Jamie from Zenith Consulting Engineers said the erosion control is now in place, also a company came in and blew in straw wattles at the limit of work; so improvements are being made.
- Norman Fredette has started to install a septic system on Mattapoissett Road.

VII. Future Business:

Meeting date to be determined.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk
Acushnet Conservation Commission

Minutes Approved:

Robert Rocha
Robert Rocha, Chairman

Evelyn Bouley
Evelyn Bouley
absent

Ted Cioper

Heidi Pelletier
Heidi Pelletier

Everett Philla
absent

Paul Valente
Paul Valente

Date: January 22, 2019