



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of Acushnet  
Conservation Commission  
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**MINUTES OF July 9, 2019  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**Present:** Everett Philla  
Ted Cioper  
Paul Valente  
Evelyn Bouley

**Absent:** Robert Rocha  
Heidi Pelletier

Merilee Kelly, Agent  
Joann DeMello

- I. **Meeting called to order at 6:20 P.M.** The Commission voted to have Everett Philla chair this meeting, due to the absence of Robert Rocha.
- II. **Minutes for approval:**  
  
A motion was made by P. Valente to approve the minutes of June 25, 2019. T. Cioper seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- III. **Meeting Mail:** New Bedford Harbor Trustees received a request for an additional 4.6 million dollars from the Buzzards Bay Coalition for restoration on West Island, and are looking for comments/opinions about it.
- IV. **Appointments:** none.
- V. **Old Business:**

**NOI – Christopher and Johnelle Ciano / 52 Morse's Lane (SE001-0538) - A** Notice of Intent was filed by Christopher and Johnelle Ciano, 52 Morse's Lane, Acushnet, MA. The applicants propose to construct a 16' gravel drive to access the rear portion of their property. This construction involves a wetlands crossing and alteration of approximately 4,000 S.F. of bordering vegetated wetland, with proposed wetlands replication area of 4,300 S.F. Silt fencing will be placed and maintained

until all disturbed slopes have been stabilized. The applicants are represented by SITEC, Inc.

John Connell of SITEC was present to discuss this project. DEP has issued a file number SE001-0538 – the hearing was continued from June 25, 2019. Mr. Connell did research regarding Black gum; it is a native species. Christopher Ciano asked where to find the species for the replication. E. Philla said local nurseries should have them available. P. Valente made a motion to issue a positive Order of Conditions. E. Bouley seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

VI. New Business: None.

VII. Agent Updates:

- Agent Kelly said the Board of Selectmen would like to hold a Sewer Summit in the fall months involving all Boards and Departments. Expenses regarding sewer installation are costly for the town and its residents. Boards should attend to discuss ideas and get educated.
- Everett made a reminder announcement to Cable TV watchers – the Commission is still in need of a Board Member.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

A motion to adjourn was made by T. Cioper. The motion was seconded by P. Valente. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk  
Acushnet Conservation Commission

Minutes Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_ absent \_\_\_\_\_

Robert Rocha

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Evelyn Bouley

Ted Cioper

\_\_\_\_\_ absent \_\_\_\_\_

Heidi Pelletier

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Everett Philla

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Paul Valente

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