



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of Acushnet  
Conservation Commission  
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Merilee Kelly, Conservation Agent  
Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk

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**MINUTES OF November 26, 2019  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**Present:** Robert Rocha, Chairman  
Paul Valente  
Heidi Pelletier  
Everett Philla

**Absent:** Ted Cioper  
Evelyn Bouley

Merilee Kelly, Agent  
Joann DeMello

- I. **Meeting called to order at 6:25 p.m.** At 5:00 p.m. the Conservation Commission had a quorum which was present at the Council on Aging Building for a presentation regarding the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan given by Woodard and Curran – this was a jointly held meeting between several boards and committees in town and was posted in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws in the Town Clerk's Office. The Commission recessed at 6:15 before reconvening at Town Hall at 6:25 p.m. for their regularly scheduled meeting business.

II. **Minutes for approval:**

A motion was made by E. Philla to approve the minutes of November 12, 2019. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

III. **Meeting Mail:** None.

IV. **Appointments:** None.

V. **Old Business:**

VI. **New Business:**

**RDA – Solo Realty, LLC / 15 Morse's Lane** A Request for Determination of Applicability was filed by Solo Realty, LLC for property located at 15 Morse's Lane, Map 18, lot 23F.

The applicant proposes to install a septic system with associated site grading within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by Steve Gilbert of S.F.G. Associates, Inc. The Commission conducted a site visit on Saturday. Mr. Gilbert stated the septic system is 15 years old and the wetlands line was adjusted closer to the project. The septic system will be replaced in the same location and a poly barrier will be used. No additional grading is needed and erosion control will be in place. P. Valente asked about the rock wall – it's partially eroded. Mr. Gilbert said the homeowner will be fixing the rock wall as this house will be for sale when the upgrade and improvements are complete. E. Philla made a motion to issue a negative determination. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed. 4-0.

**NOI – Town of Acushnet DPW** A Notice of Intent was filed by the Town of Acushnet – DPW for property located on Hamlin Street, Map 23 & 24, lots 22, 26, 26A and 18-26, 23A, 23C, 23D, 25 A-C. The applicant proposes to dig a trench and lay a pipe with catch basins and manholes to relieve drainage issues on Hamlin Street within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. DPW Superintendent Dan Menard is present to discuss this project. The Commission conducted a site visit on Saturday. Mr. Menard presented the green cards to the Commission. Mr. Menard said the south side swale will be eliminated and catch basins will be installed. Re-grading of the road will be 1 to 2 years out. E. Philla asked about ponding on the road past his house towards the bridge and the house at the top of the street that pumps water from the cellar and it puddles onto the street. Mr. Menard said the top of the street will have a catch basin installed. E. Philla and Mr. Menard discussed the street concerns in more detail due to E. Philla lives on Hamlin Street. Mr. Menard suggested Bob Rogers from G.A.F. Engineering come back out to take another look at the whole area because Mr. Menard would like to correct the drainage and ponding issues at the same time. Mr. Menard to contact Bob Rogers to have more surveying done. E. Philla made a motion to continue to the next meeting. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

## **VII. Agent Updates:**

Agent Kelly had the following updates:

- Agent Kelly informed the Commission that DEP has proposed some amendments to the regulations which include EDEP, abutter notification and wetland plant list.
- Agent Kelly gave the Commission members their membership cards from MACC.
- Agent Kelly said the 2<sup>nd</sup> lot located at Peckham Road – Arruda- has been challenged by Zoning Board.

## **Meeting adjourned at 6:53 P.M.**

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

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Respectfully submitted:

Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk  
Acushnet Conservation Commission

Minutes Approved:

Robert Rocha Jr. CNAER  
Robert Rocha  
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Evelyn Bouley  
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