



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Acushnet
Conservation Commission
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**MINUTES OF September 24, 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 6:05 P.M.

II. Minutes for approval:

A motion was made by E. Philla to approve the minutes of August 13, 2019. P. Valente seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by P. Valente to approve the minutes of August 27, 2019. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

III. Meeting Mail: Fall Conference scheduled for October 19, 2019, please let Agent Kelly know if you are interested in attending. E. Philla said he will not be attending.

Agent Kelly received a "Remote Participation Policy" approved by the Board of Selectmen. In order to utilize the policy the Commission will have to vote to approve it at an upcoming meeting. Agent Kelly provided a copy to each member to review.

- IV. **Appointments:** Pageotte Street discussion – Agent Kelly asked the Commission to do a site visit to view the wetlands at the end of Pageotte Street. Mr. Baptiste, the owner of a lot on Pageotte Street and Mr. Crowley, who resides at 56 Pageotte Street were present to discuss issues with brush removal and fence installation in a wetlands area.

The Commission did a site visit on Saturday. Chairman Rocha did a site visit on Monday. Mr. Baptiste is the owner of a lot that abuts Mr. Crowley's dwelling. Mr. Baptiste has been clearing brush and installing a fence. Mr. Crowley went to Building department to make a complaint. Mr. Baptiste has also been in to speak with Building department, Department of Public Works and this office prior to clearing brush. Agent Kelly asked Mr. Baptiste if most of the work that has been done has been clearing of brush and removal of trash. Mr. Baptiste said that is correct. Mr. Baptiste was asked to stop clearing by Agent Kelly, until this meeting. Mr. Baptiste owns an abutting lot on Cushman and in the future would like to build a house. Mr. Crowley concerns are that he has cleared brush and has installed a fence, excavation of a large boulder and is this work in the wetlands area? Chairman Rocha used the Assessor's map and GIS map along with site visit knowledge - the information provided is based on rough estimates; the determination was made that this area is not under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Baptiste has been informed that wetlands are located on the adjacent property and he will need a filing with the Conservation Commission when he decides to build a dwelling.

V. **Old Business:**

NOI – Joshua Arruda / 148 Peckham Road SE001 –0540 - A Notice of Intent was filed by Joshua Arruda, 148 Peckham Road, Map 16, Lots 7, 8 and 9 for retreat lot D. The applicant proposes to construct a single family dwelling with associated septic system, driveway, grading and utilities, on a common drive. The applicants are represented by Jamie Bissonnette of Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC. Plan name is "Subsurface sewage disposal system new construction" dated August 2, 2019. Jamie Bissonnette was present to discuss this project. Mr. Bissonnette discussed the changes made to the plan. The Board of Health commented on the retaining wall, making sure it was built structurally sound. Also, they did not want the reserve area to be disturbed. The bedroom count was reduced from 4 to 3. H. Pelletier made a motion to issue positive order of conditions. E. Philla seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

VI. **New Business:**

VII. **Agent Updates:**

2020-08-04 Agent Kelly had the following updates:

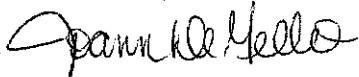
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Agent Kelly to be appointed to a Solar Array advisory committee. The solar company CVE North America is looking for local advisors to help

them decide what projects or organizations to support thru their corporate giving program.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M.


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

Respectfully submitted:



Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk
Acushnet Conservation Commission

Minutes Approved:

 CHAIR

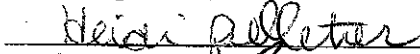
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