



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of Acushnet  
Conservation Commission  
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Robert Rocha, Chairman  
Everett Philla, Vice- Chairman  
Heidi Pelletier  
Evelyn Bouley  
Paul Valente  
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Merilee Kelly, Conservation Agent  
Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk

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**MINUTES OF June 16, 2020  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**Present:** Robert Rocha  
Everett Philla  
Heidi Pelletier  
Paul Valente  
Richard Pimentel

**Absent:** Evelyn Bouley  
Ryan Rezendes

Merilee Kelly, Agent  
Joann DeMello

**I. Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m held at the Ford Middle School due to Covid-19.**

**II. Minutes for approval:**

A motion was made by E. Philla to approve the minutes of March 10, 2020. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**III. Meeting Mail: None.**

**IV. Appointments: None.**

**V. Old Business:**

**NOI – Town of Acushnet DPW SE001-0541** 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. Project is being reviewed by the Board of Selectmen. P. Valente made a motion to continue to the next meeting. R. Pimentel seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**VI. New Business:**

**RDA – Christopher Holiday / 22 Burr Avenue** A Request for Determination of Applicability was filed by Christopher Holiday for property located at 22 Burr Avenue, Map 25 Lot 50A. The applicant proposes to remove Japanese knotweed and phragmites within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. Plan name is "Sewage Disposal System for 22 Burr Avenue" dated September 2015. Mr. Holiday stated he wanted to burn it-not in favor of using herbicides. The Japanese knotweed is very dense and this project will take him approximately 3 to 4 years. Mr. Holiday does not have the resources to do an excavation project. P. Valente made a motion to issue a negative determination. R. Pimentel seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**RDA – Paul Levasseur / 25 Lague Street** A Request for Determination of Applicability was filed by Paul Levasseur for property located at 25 Lague Street, Map 18, lot 156. The applicant built an inground pool within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. Mr. Levasseur was present to discuss this project. A NOI was previously filed. The discharge will be near the garage. Commission requests the north side of the slope needs seeding. P. Valente made a motion to issue a negative determination with the condition the north side of the slope is seeded. R. Pimentel seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**RDA – Manuel Correia / 60 Tootle Lane** A Request for Determination of Applicability was filed by Manuel Correia for property located at 60 Tootle Lane, Map 15, lot 116. The applicant proposes to install an inground pool within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. Mr. Correia was present to discuss this project. The Commission conducted a site visit on Saturday. When Mr. Correia winterizes the pool, the discharge will be drained into an underground tank. P. Valente made a motion to issue a negative determination. R. Pimentel seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**NOI – Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. / 251 Mendall Road SE 001-0547** A Notice of Intent was filed by Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. for property located at 251 Mendall Road, Map 9, lots 28, 29 and 31R. The applicant proposes the construction of a 4,995 KW (AC) solar energy generating facility off Mendall Road. A gravel access driveway will lead to a 18.5 acre facility surrounded by a 7' high perimeter fence within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by Brandon Smith of Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. Plan name is "Notice of Intent 251 Mendall Road, Solar Photovoltaic and Energy Storage System" dated May 21, 2020. Brandon Smith was present to discuss this project, green cards were sent via email. Commission members conducted a site visit on Saturday. This site is formerly known as Camp Greenbrier. Mr. Smith stated they will utilize the existing access from the girl scout camp. Property will be surrounded by a 7 foot security fence. Two electrical poles will be utilized. The wetlands were delineated. Abutters to the property were present – Andrew Travers, Marie Travers and Robert Howland. Mr. Travers asked Where will the run-off go and how will it be directed? Also Marie Travers was concerned about the run-off. Plans are to re-create a meadow and it will be cut and maintained. Mr. Howland has questions and concerns about the project. Mr. Smith showed him the detailed plan and explained discharge and drainage and it would be diverted into a pipe. Chairman Rocha said the stormwater calculations were reviewed by Mr. Smith and another engineer. Run-off will never be diverted to an abutting property. Mr. Travers asked once the trees are removed can this be reviewed again for run-off and drainage issues?

Chairman Rocha would like to see the stormwater calculations reviewed by an independent engineer. Mr. Howland asked if the storage facility is encased and what about pollution or fire? Mr. Smith said multiple levels of security are involved and monitored. P. Valente asked Mr. Smith if he could provide some literature for residents regarding the panels and how they will be secured. P. Valente made a motion to continue to the next meeting – includes review of drainage calculations. R. Pimentel seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**NOI – Joshua & Danielle Craig / Middle Road, Map 21, Lots 8C & 8D SE 001-0548** A Notice of Intent was filed by Joshua & Danielle Craig for property located at Map 21, Lot 8C and 8D Middle Road. The applicant proposes to construct a single family dwelling with an attached garage, well and septic system within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by David M. Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is "Sewage Disposal System – Site Plan on Middle Road" dated June 4, 2020. David Davignon was present to discuss this project, green cards were sent via email. Commission members conducted a site visit on Saturday. Mr. Davignon stated that 2 lots were combined to meet zoning requirements. Septic system will be in the northeast portion of the lot, that was the best location. Some trees will be removed. P. Valente would like to know what the slope ratio is. Mr. Davignon said it's 10 to 1. P. Valente made a motion to issue a positive order of conditions. R. Pimentel seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

## **VII. Agent Updates:**

Agent Kelly had the following updates:

- Ryan Young of CVE Solar Co. was present to discuss a conservation restriction. CVE Solar owns 2 parcels on Wing Lane. Mr. Young stated they need a special permit from the Planning Board. The permitting process with the State is also underway regarding the box turtle habitat. Chairman Rocha asked if the Conservation Commission will hold the conservation restriction on the backlands. Agent Kelly said yes. P. Valente asked what does this mean for the Town? Agent Kelly said that the Conservation Commission makes sure that the restrictions are upheld. Chairman Rocha asked the members if they are in support of it by a roll call vote...All were in favor.
- Agent Kelly received a letter from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Superfund Site.
- EPA would like to hear about any development along the shoreline.
- Update on the Arruda property Peckham Road – Agent Kelly said the sweet pepper bush is dead and the plants don't match the plan. Chairman Rocha stated the planting plan is on file and agreed upon.
- Agent Kelly announced the date for Town Meeting is Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. The Town Election will be held June 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **Meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M.**

A motion to adjourn was made by E. Philla. The motion was seconded by H. Pelletier. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted:

Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk  
Acushnet Conservation Commission

Minutes Approved:

Robert Rocha CHAIR  
Robert Rocha - Chairman

Everett Philla  
Everett Philla - Vice-Chairman  
absent

Evelyn Bouley  
Heidi Pelletier

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Richard Pimentel  
Richard Pimentel  
absent

Ryan Rezendes  
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Paul Valente

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