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Town of Acushnet  
Conservation Commission  
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Robert Rocha, Chairman  
Everett Philla, Vice- Chairman  
Heidi Pelletier  
Evelyn Bouley  
Paul Valente  
Richard Pimentel  
Ryan Rezendes

Merilee Kelly, Conservation Agent  
Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk

**MINUTES OF July 14, 2020  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**Present:** Robert Rocha  
Everett Philla  
Heidi Pelletier  
Paul Valente  
Richard Pimentel  
Ryan Rezendes  
  
Merilee Kelly, Agent  
Joann DeMello

**Absent:** Evelyn Bouley

**I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 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 June 16, 2020. R. Pimentel seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**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. Dan Menard was present to discuss this project. G.A.F. Engineering revised the plan regarding the low spot after the bend, added some

pipings and stone; it will drain across the street. There will be a 3 X 3 foot trench installed. Chairman Rocha asked when will work begin? Mr. Menard stated that his budget was cut, he would like to begin work but he needs to wait for the Board of Selectmen approval and funding. E. Philla made a motion to issue a positive order of conditions. R. Rezendes seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**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. Mr. Smith had 2 topics of discussion from the last meeting. Mr. Smith had printed some handouts of past projects for the neighbors and residents to view regarding what the site will look like post construction. 2<sup>nd</sup> item Stormwater – regarding additional flow to property – a swale will be installed along the North side – Tinkham brook- this will handle any excess runoff. Next step will include the Planning Board meeting. Agent Kelly asked if the detention basin was wet or dry. Mr. Smith said it is dry, elevations were adjusted on the revised plan. P. Valente asked about the peer reviewer for the stormwater calculations. A new stormwater report was submitted. Abutter Andrew Travers asked about the existing pond – How much water and increased flow will be added to the pond? Mr. Smith said overall topography will not change – stormwater basins are spread out on the site, five (5) in total. Agent Kelly asked what are you planning to seed with? Mr. Smith said hummingbird and butterfly seed mix. Chairman Rocha would like feedback from Planning Board before voting. Mr. Smith asked for a vote with a condition so he could proceed. P. Valente made a motion to issue a positive order of conditions upon peer review of stormwater and approval of Planning Board. E. Philla seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

## **VI. New Business:**

**RDA – Keith Forsblom / 18 Davis Farm Lane** A Request for Determination was filed by Keith Forsblom for property located at 18 Davis Farm Lane, Map 6, lot 4H. The applicant proposes to construct a 12 X 14 storage shed within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. Keith Forsblom was present to discuss this project. Commission conducted a site visit on Saturday. Mr. Forsblom has a concrete slab installed for the storage shed. E. Philla made a motion to issue a negative determination. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**COC – GDC Development, LLC – 3 Blacksmith Drive SE 001-0468** A Certificate of Compliance was filed by GDC Development, LLC for property located at 3 Blacksmith Drive, Map 5, lot 7B. The applicant proposed to construct a single family dwelling with associated grading and septic system as well as a detention basin. House is complete and vegetation has grown in. Chairman Rocha commented that the bittersweet would need to be cleared out at some point near the rip rap on the stormwater structure. Also the grass clippings on the west side need to be removed. E. Philla made a motion to issue a certificate of compliance. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**COC – Brian Mello – 105 Porter Street SE001-0510** A Certificate of Compliance was filed by Brian Mello for property located at 105 Porter Street, Map 25, Lot 326. The applicant proposed to demolish the existing dwelling and construct a new single-family dwelling and repair the subsurface sewage disposal system within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. Agent Kelly said project looked good. P. Valente commented on the wall and how it stops a lot of erosion. P. Valente made a motion to approve the certificate of compliance. E. Philla seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**VII. Agent Updates:**

Agent Kelly had the following updates:

- Asked Commission about receiving meeting packets via email.
- Members with iphones cannot open up word documents that Joann sends. Chris from IT previously said they have to install software that allows them to open the file. Agent Kelly to speak with Chris Oliver.
- Wetlands by-law agenda – P. Valente would like to form a sub-committee. Paul, Bob, Ryan, Rick and Merilee will form the sub-committee.

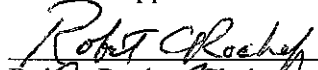
**Meeting adjourned at 6:36 P.M.**


A motion to adjourn was made by P. Valente. The motion was seconded by R. Rezendes. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted:


Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk  
Acushnet Conservation Commission

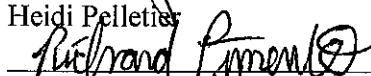
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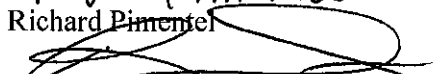
  
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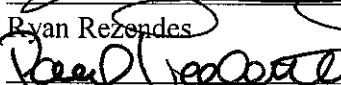
  
Everett Philla – Vice-Chairman  
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Evelyn Bouley

  
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Date signed: July 30, 2020