



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Acushnet

Conservation Commission

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Robert Rocha, Chairman
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Evelyn Bouley
Paul Valente
Richard Pimentel
Ryan Rezendes

Merilee Kelly, Conservation Agent
Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

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

Absent: Evelyn Bouley

Merilee Kelly, Agent
Joann DeMello

Patrick Hannon, Assistant Health Agent
Doug Vigneau, Environmental Compliance Manager
Jeffrey Blake, Kopelman & Paige, P.C.
Luke Legere, McGregor & Legere, P.C.

I. Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m. held via Zoom.

II. Minutes for approval:

A motion was made by E. Philla to approve the minutes of August 18, 2020. R. Pimentel seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

III. Meeting Mail: None.

IV. Appointments: None.

V. Old Business:

VI. New Business:

RDA – Leslie Costa / 8 Blacksmith Drive A Request for Determination was filed by Leslie Costa for property located at 8 Blacksmith Drive, Map 5, lot 7K. The applicant proposes to construct an inground pool and remove dead trees within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. Commission members conducted a site visit on Saturday. P. Valente asked about the pool water discharge plan. L. Costa said discharge will be done away from the wetlands. Chairman Rocha asked will a dry well be installed for the winterization process? P. Valente suggested to wait 2 weeks until the chlorine has dissipated to drain the pool water safely. L. Costa asked if the dead tree removal process is ok to begin? Chairman Rocha – Yes. E. Philla made a motion to issue a negative determination with the following stipulation: Install a dry well or wait at least 2 weeks from the last chlorination before draining the pool water. P. Valente seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

RDA – Karen Viera / 6 Blacksmith Drive A Request for Determination was filed by Karen Viera for property located at 6 Blacksmith Drive, Map 5, Lot 7L. The applicant proposed to construct an inground pool and install a 10' X 14' shed with block foundation within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. Commission members conducted a site visit on Saturday. Pool water discharge concerns were the same as stated for 8 Blacksmith Drive. R. Rezendes made a motion to issue a negative determination with the following stipulation: Install a dry well or wait at least 2 weeks from the last chlorination before draining the pool water. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion:

Human Altered Wetland and other issues at P.J. Keating Co.

An inspection of the P.J. Keating site was done on August 29, 2020, photos were taken. As of today, an updated Enforcement Order included a more specific location and more actions to be taken. Luke Legere, Attorney for P.J. Keating stated he has not been able to view the revised/updated Enforcement Order.

Chairman Rocha read aloud the Enforcement Order and shared it on the screen for Zoom viewers.

Jeffrey Blake, Town Counsel would like the Commission to ratify the old order, noting that it had not been served.

Chairman Rocha asked if anyone had any additional comments regarding the (old) Enforcement Order. P. Valente asked if everyone is in agreement about the clarity of the area. Attorney Legere still had some ambiguity, the order was too vague – now more details have been added. P. Valente noted that neither an RDA or a NOI was ever filed, just an ANRAD was filed. R. Rezendes asked if there was any value to the silt pile? D. Vigneau, no value. E. Philla agrees the area has encroached into the wetlands. Board of Health Agent Joseph Correia had no comments.

Chairman Rocha asks for a motion for a roll call vote. E. Philla made a motion to roll call vote. P. Valente seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Richard Pimentel – Yes
Heidi Pelletier – Yes
Paul Valente – Yes

Ryan Rezendes - Yes
Everett Philla - Yes
Robert Rocha – Yes

Motion passed 6-0.

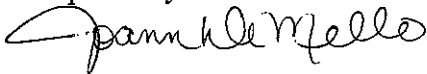
VII. Agent Updates:

Chairman Rocha asked Agent Kelly if she had received any phone calls regarding violations in Town. Agent Kelly said no. Chairman Rocha asked if the members had any other subjects or topics to discuss. P. Valente would like to form a Wetlands by-law committee. Committee will consist of P. Valente, B. Rocha, R. Rezendes and R. Pimentel. Time and date will be Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Agent Kelly will request a Zoom link then Joann will post the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

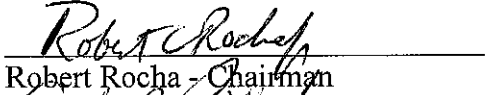
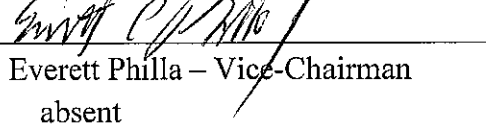
A motion to adjourn was made by E. Philla. The motion was seconded by R. Rezendes. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted:

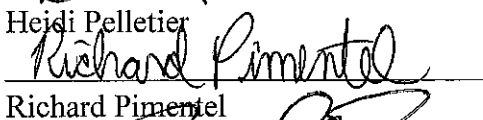


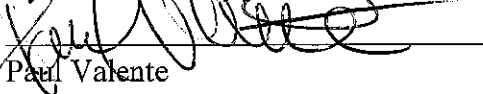
Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk
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Minutes Approved:


Robert Rocha - Chairman
Everett Philla - Vice-Chairman
absent

Evelyn Bouley


Heidi Pelletier

Richard Pimentel


Ryan Rezendes
Paul Valente

Date signed: September 22, 2020