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Conservation Commission
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Merilee Kelly, Conservation Agent
Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk

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

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Present:

Robert Rocha
Everett Philla
Heidi Pelletier
Ryan Rezendes
Richard Pimentel

Merilee Kelly, Agent
Joann DeMello

Absent:

Evelyn Bouley
Paul Valente

Patrick Hannon, Assistant Health Agent,
Douglas Vigneau, Environmental Compliance Manager
Alex Weisheit, K.P. Law
Luke Legere, McGregor & Legere, P.C.
Alan Ewing, Alan Ewing Engineering, Inc.

I. Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. held via zoom.

II. Minutes for approval:

A motion was made by R. Pimentel to approve the minutes of November 24, 2020.
E. Philla seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

III. Meeting Mail: None.

IV. Appointments: None.

V. Old Business: None.

VI. New Business:

RDA – P.J. Keating Company – 72 South Main Street - A Request for Determination was filed by P.J. Keating Company for property located at 72 South Main Street, Map 15 Lots 15-17. The applicant proposes to clear accumulated silt and replace certain areas of rip-rap rock with similarly sized stone from Basin 1C. The Commission conducted a site visit on Saturday the 21st. Douglas Vigneau gave an overview of the project. A specific sample of silt will be taken from the basin and checked for metals and hydro-carbons. If any of these samples come back over limits, then that will be handled appropriately. It will be done under dry conditions and water will not be allowed to leave the basin while maintenance is underway. Hay bales, silt fence and a vacuum truck will be used for sediment control. Work will be done mostly by hand or if needed a mini excavator will be used. Once removed, the material will be placed at the rear of the property where silt piles already exist – west side. Booms will be replaced and Floc logs will be used to remove fine particles and reduce turbidity. Chairman Rocha asked about additional sampling. Mr. Vigneau stated that the silt will be sampled, not the water. The lab the samples will be sent to is in Warwick Rhode Island – Net Lab. P.J. Keating uses this lab and has a contract with them. Mr. Vigneau explained how the berm works and the piping involved with the berm and basin. Alex Weisheit of K.P. Law asked about an ANRAD filed back in 2010 for the resource area? Is this information correct? Mr. Vigneau said that plan was filed in 1941, the Commission determined it was not a wetland area. He asked Atty. Weisheit if he has ever been to the site? No he replied. Atty. Weisheit said he was looking to make sure the appropriate paperwork is being filed. Luke Legere of McGregor & Legere, P.C. said an ANRAD was filed but an ORAD was not issued. Mr. Vigneau stated the purpose is to discharge the cleanest water; maintenance needs to be performed to improve water quality. Atty. Weisheit again states he wants to make sure the proper paperwork is filed with the Commission. Mr. Vigneau asked are you looking for another filing? This is just a maintenance activity. Patrick Hannon, Assistant Health Agent stated there was a breach – west of the white pipe – water gushing out of berm- he agrees adding Floc log is a good idea. Atty. Legere said his preference would be for a negative determination with conditions instead of filing an NOI. Chairman Rocha would like plans to be viewed by the Commission before any work begins, also asked about Floc logs are they placed on the surface or submerged? Mr. Vigneau is ok with conditions placed in the DOA. Floc logs are available in 2 types – surface and submerged – we will use the surface product. Mr. Hannon would like the Commission to consider asking for flow calculations and tests that show it's functioning properly. Mr. Vigneau said he would be happy to provide the documentation. Chairman Rocha asks the Commission if they have any questions. R. Rezendes would like to know if they test for Radon? Mr. Vigneau – No. R. Rezendes asks Agent Kelly about gaining access from the Robichaud property to view the discharge. Chairman Rocha added to keep in mind that silt could possibly be coming from other sources? Agent Kelly said after the maintenance, things should be much better. Mr. Vigneau stated salt, oil etc. all go into that basin from South Main Street and they do not have any violations pending with EPA or DEP. Mr. Hannon to Atty. Legere – a third party discharge review should be considered. Atty. Weisheit – pursue a negative determination with conditions the Commission would want and what PJK will accept. Chairman Rocha asks if the zoom audience has any questions? None. Agent Kelly would like to be present at the time of the maintenance. Chairman Rocha is leaning towards an Engineered plan and having the

Agent on site for maintenance. Mr. Hannon said that PJK should provide all dimensions of the inlets to the basin and a peer review to make sure basin can handle the flow and it's properly designed. Atty. Weisheit asked are the proposed conditions acceptable? Mr. Vigneau – all PJK is asking to do is clean out the basin, it has been operating properly. You want a P.E. to stamp plans...OK. Motion was made by E. Philla to issue a negative determination with the following conditions 1. Plans of the stormwater system to be stamped by a Professional Engineer. 2. Agent Kelly to be present during maintenance. Motion was seconded by H. Pelletier. Roll call vote: Everett – Yes; Heidi – Yes; Rick – Yes; Ryan – Yes; Chairman Rocha – Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

RDA – Carlos Mota – 93 Pageotte Street – A Request for Determination was filed by Carlos Mota for property located at 93 Pageotte Street, Map 14 lot 4H. The applicant proposes to construct a new septic system on an existing lot including a septic tank, pump chamber and leaching field. The applicant is represented by Alan Ewing Engineering, Inc. Commission conducted a site visit on Saturday. Alan Ewing was present on the zoom call and said the leaching field will be slightly raised and placed on the left side of the lot. Chairman Rocha asked if the Commission had any questions? H. Pelletier made a motion to issue a negative determination. E. Philla seconded the motion. Roll call vote Heidi – Yes; Everett – Yes; Rick – Yes; Ryan – Yes; Chairman Rocha – Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

VII. Discussion:

Wetlands By-Law Chairman Valente was not in attendance for this meeting. Table to next meeting.

Hunting on Conservation Land Commission is researching the next steps...check with Town Administrator, Park Department, BOH and Town Counsel.

2021 meeting and filing deadline schedule was presented to the Commission. Motion made by R. Pimentel to approve the schedule. E. Philla seconded the motion. Roll call vote Heidi – Yes; Rick – Yes; Ryan – Yes; Everett – Yes; Chairman Rocha – Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

- VIII. Agent Updates:** Agent Kelly said the Hamlin Street Bridge replacement work is exempt from a filing. The Commission received a water quality certification application that can be commented on.
Agent Kelly was notified that an extension of the Riverwalk beyond the Titleist building up to the Council on Aging is planned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

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

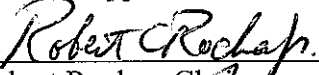
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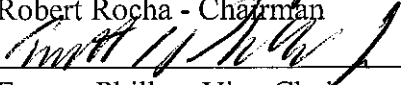
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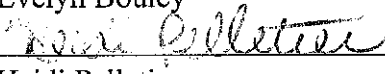
Respectfully submitted:


Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk
Acushnet Conservation Commission

Minutes Approved:


Robert Rocha - Chairman


Everett Philla - Vice-Chairman
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Ryan Rezendes
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Date signed: December 22, 2020

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