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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  
Richard Pimentel  
Ryan Rezendes

Merilee Kelly, Conservation Agent  
Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk

**MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2021  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

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

**Absent:** Evelyn Bouley  
Paul Valente

Merilee Kelly, Agent  
Joann DeMello

Richard Tabaczynski – Atlantic Design Engineers, Inc.  
Anthony Couto, resident  
Barry Montella, resident

**I. Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. held via zoom.**

**II. Minutes for approval:**

A motion was made by R. Pimentel to approve the minutes of February 23, 2021.  
H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**III. Meeting Mail:**

**IV. Appointments: None.**

**V. Old Business:**

**NOI – Alan Clapp – Cushing Solar, LLC / Cushing Lane – Map 7 Lot 26**

**SE 001-0562 Property Owner: Raymond White – White's Farm, Inc.**

A Notice of Intent was filed by Alan Clapp – Cushing Solar, LLC for property located on Cushing Lane, Map 7, lot 26. The applicant proposes to construct a large scale solar project – 2.0 megawatt (MW) on a portion of the Cushing Lane field property within the 100 foot buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by Steven Gioiosa of SITEC, Inc. Plan name is “Cushing Solar, LLC 2 MW – AC in Acushnet, Massachusetts” dated January 11, 2021. Agent Kelly received an email request from Steve Gioiosa requesting a continuance to March 23, 2021. E. Philla made a motion to continue the hearing until March 23, 2021. R. Rezendes seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Heidi, Rick, Ryan, Everett and Chairman Rocha – Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

**NOI – Alan Clapp – Woodbridge Renewables, LLC / 1052 Main Street**

**SE 001-0561 Property Owner: Nancy Brito-Kitchen**

A Notice of Intent was filed by Alan Clapp – Woodbridge Renewables, LLC for property located on 1052 Main Street, Map 7, lot 23. The applicant proposes to construct a large scale solar project – 1.0 megawatt (MW) located at 1052 Main Street within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by Steven Gioiosa of SITEC, Inc. Plan name is “Woodbridge Renewables, LLC 1 MW AC Array in Acushnet, Massachusetts” dated September 1, 2020. Agent Kelly received an email request from Steve Gioiosa requesting a continuance to March 23, 2021. E. Philla made a motion to continue the hearing until March 23, 2021. R. Rezendes seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Heidi, Rick, Ryan, Everett and Chairman Rocha – Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

**VI. New Business:**

**RDA – Tammy M. Lemaire / 216 Peckham Road** A Request for Determination was filed by Tammy Lemaire for property located at 216 Peckham Road, Map 16, lot 13A. The applicant proposes to install a new septic system with leaching field located at least 50 feet from the bordering vegetated wetland. Install town water supply and abandonment of existing well. The applicant is represented by Rick Charon of Charon Associates, Inc. – Engineers. Plan name is “Plan of Site and Repair of Subsurface Sewage Disposal” dated February 12, 2021. The Commission conducted a site visit on Saturday. Mr. Charon is not present on Zoom. Chairman Rocha commented on the site visit that the lot was small and the new septic system would be an improvement over the current situation. R. Pimentel made a motion to issue a negative determination. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Heidi, Ryan, Rick, Everett and Chairman Rocha – Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

**RDA – TJA Clean Energy / 540R Main Street** A Request for Determination was filed by TJA Clean Energy for property located at 540R Main Street, Map 11, lot 10. The applicant proposes to install a ground mounted solar array approximately 12,300 panels along with a gravel access road, security fencing, stormwater measures, a transformer and battery and electrical inverters on concrete pads. The applicant is represented by Richard Tabaczynski of Atlantic Design Engineers, Inc. Plan name is “540R Main Street Solar Project Acushnet, MA” dated Feb. 26, 2021. The Commission conducted a site visit on Saturday. Mr. Tabaczynski was present on Zoom. The parcel is a 12.9 acre project, impacts to the wetland are minor. No tree clearing will occur, it’s an open field area. A silt fence will be utilized for erosion control. The wetland line has been approved in 2020. Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife has informally been presented with the project plans. Approximately 24 acres will be put into a Conservation Restriction – the application is pending before the State. Agent Kelly asked about the stormwater system. Mr. Tabaczynski said DEP and Town standards have been followed. The panels are proposed in an open field – no physical stormwater structures. R. Pimentel asked where is the majority of the flow going? Mr. Tabaczynski said it drains in the Southwest direction. R. Pimentel asked who will own the Conservation Restriction? Mr. Tabaczynski said he is hoping the Town will own it, no paperwork has been filed yet. E. Philla made a motion to issue a negative determination. Heidi seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Heidi, Ryan, Rick, Everett and Chairman Rocha – Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

## **VII. Discussion:**

- Anthony Couto, resident asked the Commission about the Cushing Lane solar project and the 1052 Main Street solar project presented together to the Commission, can they been heard separately? Chairman Rocha – yes. Mr. Couto’s dwelling is placed between the 2 proposed solar projects and he allows family to hunt on his property, does the installation of the solar panels affect this outcome? R. Rezendes said if the land is not posted, you can hunt on it. Refer to Massachusetts General Laws.
- 4 Wilfred Lane – Owner – Mr. Addo-not present. Chairman Rocha reviewed some of the observations they viewed on Saturday – fill including bricks and concrete is right up to the wetland line. Patio is in the buffer zone. Chairman Rocha would like an after the fact filing and have Agent Kelly issue an Enforcement Order. Barry Montella, abutter to 4 Wilfred Lane was present on the zoom call. Mr. Montella said this property has been filled, trees have been cut down and the pink wetland flags are on the ground. About 1 year ago he was filling the property and blocked the stream – it used to drain east to the river. Chairman Rocha asked if Mr. Montella had any photos. Mr. Montella said yes and he will share them with the Conservation Agent. R. Pimentel asked can you see dry wall piled up on the property? E. Philla suggested a cease and desist/Enforcement Order on the project and get him to file an NOI. R. Pimentel made a motion to issue an Enforcement Order and an after the fact filing of an

NOI. E. Philla seconded the motion. Heidi, Ryan, Rick, Everett and Chairman Rocha – Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

- Ryan spoke about the Conservation Restriction on 88 Wing Lane, he will do some research on it.
- Commission members spoke about the concerns regarding solar farms in Acushnet.
- Ryan will be attending the virtual classes from MACC. Rick is also interested. Agent Kelly will register the members interested.


**VIII. Agent Updates:**

- Municipal Vulnerability Workshop – Please try to attend, classes held via zoom Friday, March 12 and March 19, 2021 from 9 a.m. to Noon.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:01 P.M.**

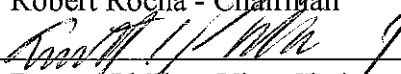
A motion to adjourn was made by R. Rezendes. The motion was seconded by R. Pimentel. Motion passed 5-0.


Respectfully submitted:

  
Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk  
Acushnet Conservation Commission

Minutes Approved:

  
Robert Rocha - Chairman

  
Everett Philla – Vice-Chairman  
absent

Evelyn Bouley  
  
Heidi Pelletier

Richard Pimentel

  
Ryan Rezendes  
absent

Paul Valente

Date signed: March 23, 2021

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