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Robert Rocha, Chairman
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**MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2021
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

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

Merilee Kelly, Agent
Joann DeMello

Absent: Paul Valente

Richard Riccio, Field Engineering
Joshua Lariscy, BlueWave Solar
Brandon Smith, Borrego Solar Systems
David M. Davignon, Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc.
Alex Weisheit, Town Counsel KP Law
Luke Legere, PJK Counsel
Patrick Hannon, Assistant Health Agent
Douglas Vigneau, PJK Environmental Compliance Manager
James Tetreault, Thompson-Liston Associates, Inc.
Charles Caron, Caron Environmental
Robert Robinson, PJK Vice President Aggregates
Mike Warner, PJK Site Manager

- I. **Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. held via zoom.**
- II. **Minutes for approval:**

A motion was made by H. Pelletier to approve the minutes of December 22, 2020. E. Philla seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

III. **Meeting Mail:** Agent Kelly received a letter from MEMA regarding flood delineation.

IV. **Appointments:** None.

V. **Old Business:**

NOI – BWC Mill Pond, LLC – Off Gammons Rd & Mattapoissett Rd SE 001- 0554:

A Notice of Intent was filed by BWC Mill Pond, LLC for property located off Gammons Road & Mattapoissett Road, Map 10, Lots 1,2, 1A.3A and 3; Map 9 Lot 32. The applicant proposes to construct a solar power generating facility on the subject parcels. Portions of the work including the proposed access drive, stormwater management facilities and tree clearing areas are located within the 100' buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetlands located on the subject parcels. The applicant is represented by Richard Riccio of Field Engineering Co., Inc. The file number from DEP has been received. Agent Kelly asked Mr. Riccio to review the stormwater plan again. Mr. Riccio shared the plan on the screen and discussed the 2 stormwater areas. Chairman Rocha asked if any of the zoom audience had any questions. Amy Baptista asked if the land was deemed Conservation land and has it been removed from that status? Chairman Rocha explained the definition of a wetland and the buffer zone vs. conservation land. Mr. Riccio stated there will be no more impact to the wetlands near her home or land. There are no hazardous materials on site, it's strictly rain water. Ms. Baptista asked is there is any sound or lighting associated with the area? Mr. Riccio stated a small audible hum may be heard up to 150 feet during the daytime when it's generating power; no lighting issues. Ms. Baptista asked about the removal process. Mr. Riccio said the owner is responsible for the decommissioning of the site and a bond shall be posted through the Planning Board. E. Bouley asked where is the disposal site for the panels etc.? Joshua Lariscy of Blue Wave Solar replied the panels are recycled to a facility, metal components are also recycled probably to a local facility. Mr. Lariscy to let the Commission know where these recycling sites are located. Mr. Riccio said the concrete and steel are both taken to a site in Taunton. E. Bouley would like the information sent to the Commission. E. Philla made a motion to issue a positive order of conditions. R. Pimentel seconded the motion. Roll call vote Richard – Yes; Heidi – Yes; Evelyn – Yes; Ryan – Yes; Everett – Yes; Chairman Rocha – Yes. Motion Passed 6-0.

Agenda was moved to new business due to a scheduling conflict. Chairman Rocha asked Mr. Smith of Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. if he would mind the change of order on the agenda. Mr. Smith agreed.

****See new business for Katherine Street.

NOI – Johnelle & Christopher Ciano / 52 Morse's Lane SE 001 -0555 A Notice of Intent was filed by Johnelle and Christopher Ciano for property located at 52 Morse's Lane, Map 17, Lots 24, 24B and 24C. The applicant proposes to construct a 5 MW ground mounted solar energy generating and storage system. The applicant is represented by Brandon Smith of Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. The file number was received from DEP. Brandon Smith was present on the zoom call and gave an update on the project. Mr. Smith said he met with Town department heads and the layout for the project will remain the same. Agent Kelly asked Mr. Smith to review the stormwater plans, she is concerned about the impacts to the wetlands. Mr. Smith shared the plans on

screen and reviewed the stormwater plans stating roadside swales will be used and small ponds are proposed. Patrick Hannon, Assistant Health Agent asked if the basins have been perced? Mr. Smith said no soil tests have been done, there is no infiltration, just a detention basin. Mr. Smith also noted that telephone poles on Morse's Lane will be upgraded by the utility company; a separate project. R. Rezendes asked if the fence will be continuous? The area connecting the 2 arrays will have a continuous fence. Mr. Smith said the South section of the wetlands where the trees will stay will not have a fence, area will be untouched. Chairman Rocha asked if periodic cutting will take place. Mr. Smith, No. Erica Maynard 83 Lake Street – Does this affect us in anyway? Chairman Rocha said no impact to the dwelling on Lake Street. E. Philla made a motion to issue a positive order of conditions. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Heidi – Yes; Everett – Yes; Rick – Yes; Ryan – Yes; Evelyn – Yes; Chairman Rocha – Yes. Motion passed 6-0.

VI. New Business:

NOI – Taylor Martin / 15 Katherine St. (ANR Lot # 24) SE 001 – 0557

A Notice of Intent was filed by Taylor Martin for property located at 15 Katherine Street, Map 4 Lot 9 (Central portion). The applicant proposes to demolish the existing cottage to construct a new dwelling, well, septic system and electric/telephone/cable wires to construct a driveway and to fill and grade 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 Repair Plan dated December 14, 2020. The Commission conducted a site visit on Saturday. Mr. Davignon was present on zoom and shared the plans for viewing. Mr. Davignon gave the Commission some history on both lots, it is 1 address – a unique property predating zoning bylaws. The plan has been endorsed by the Planning Board. The perc test and soil evaluation has been completed it will be a mounded system using a denitrification system. R. Pimentel asked how much of the septic system is in the buffer zone? Mr. Davignon said nearly all of the lot is in the buffer zone. Chairman Rocha asked if the plans have been approved by the Board of Health? Mr. Davignon – yes. Amanda Barnes 4 Katherine Street asked about the lots and houses to be built. Mr. Davignon said the dwelling will have a 2 bedroom restriction filed. Ms. Barnes asked about the value of the homes. Mr. Davignon said the Assessor's Office handles that. Chad Pires of 17 David Street asked about the grading from the street, where will the water go? He has lived there for 40 years and suggested it would be helpful if the grade ran back to the natural wetland. Mr. Davignon said they could incorporate a swale to divert water. Mr. Davignon said he would sketch it out and had no objections to the Commission adding that as a special condition on the Order of Conditions. Agent Kelly asked Mr. Davignon to explain the denitrification system. R. Rezendes made a motion to issue a positive order conditions with the following special condition – A subsurface drain shall be installed from the front of the property near Katherine Street to the rear to prevent drainage issues in the roadway per January 12, 2021 addendum sketch. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Roll call vote Rick – Yes; Heidi – Yes; Everett – Yes; Evelyn – Yes; Ryan – Yes; Chairman Rocha – Yes. Motion passed 6-0.

NOI – Taylor Martin / 15 Katherine St. (ANR Lot # 23) SE 001 - 0556

A Notice of Intent was filed by Taylor Martin for property located at 15 Katherine Street, Map 4 Lot 9 (Northerly & Southerly portion). The applicant proposes to demolish the existing cottage to construct a new dwelling, well, septic system and electric/telephone/cable wires to construct a driveway and to fill and grade 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 Repair Plan dated December 11, 2020. The Commission conducted a site visit on Saturday. Mr. Davignon was present on zoom and shared the plans for viewing. Mr. Davignon started the meeting off with Lot #24, all comments are the same except this lot will consist of 3 bedrooms, a 2 car garage and a denitrification system will not be used due to a larger lot size. Agent Kelly asked how far apart will the septic systems be located? Mr. Davignon said approximately 65 feet apart. The same questions were asked by Ms. Barnes and Mr. Pires. R. Pimentel made a motion to issue a positive order of conditions with the following special condition – A subsurface drain shall be installed from the front of the property near Katherine Street to the rear to prevent drainage issues in the roadway per January 12, 2021 addendum sketch. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Roll call vote Evelyn – Yes; Rick – Yes; Heidi – Yes; Everett – Yes; Ryan – Yes; Chairman Rocha – Yes. Motion passed 6-0.

***On to old business SE001- 0555 Ciano above.

NOI – P.J. Keating Company / 72 South Main Street SE 001-XXXX - A Notice of Intent was filed by P.J. Keating Company for property located at 72 South Main Street, Map 15, Lots 15 – 18. The applicant proposes to grade the eastern slopes of the existing silt piles located at the rear of the P.J. Keating quarry property. Applicant is represented by Douglas Vigneau of P.J. Keating Company. Plan name is Site Plan of Land at 72 South Main Street in Acushnet, MA, dated December 21, 2020. Mr. Vigneau gave an overview of the wetland line, it has been re-delineated in 2020. Mr. Vigneau said they are proposing to stabilize the silt piles at the rear of the property by using staked straw bales and silt fence. Slopes will be hydroseeded. M. Kelly asked there is silt found in the wetland will you remove it? Mr. Vigneau said sure if you would like us to remove it we will. James Tetreault explained the stabilization process, including grading and spraying of the hydroseed. Chairman Rocha asked how much of the seed mix is native species? Mr. Tetreault said he has not yet spoken with the hydroseeder, he suggested he would speak with the wetland scientist on the specific mix. R. Rezendes asked if any material (silt) will be leaving the site? Mr. Vigneau – no. There are other areas on site. Chairman Rocha asked if anyone else had any further discussion? None. A DEP file number has not yet been received. R. Pimentel made a motion to continue to next meeting. E. Philla seconded the motion. Roll call vote Rick – Yes; Ryan – Yes; Everett – Yes; Heidi – Yes; Evelyn – Yes; Chairman Rocha – Yes. Motion passed 6-0.

VII. Discussion:

Wetlands By-Law Chairman Valente was not present at this meeting. Table to next meeting.

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Hunting on Conservation Land R. Rezendes asked if there has been any feedback. Agent Kelly said she would get an update.

VIII. Agent Updates: Agent Kelly stated that the Labonte Street replication area has been repositioned.

E. Philla asked about a follow up on a Main Street property, Agent Kelly will go check it out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

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

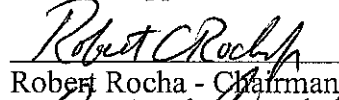
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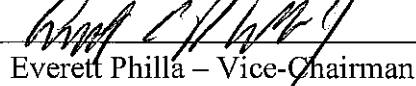
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Minutes Approved:



Robert Rocha - Chairman



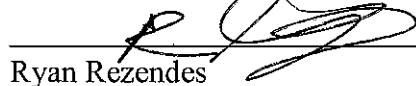
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Ryan Rezendes

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