



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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MINUTES OF February 22, 2017 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Present: Robert Rocha
Evelyn Bouley
Everett Philla
Heidi Pelletier

Absent:
Ted Cioper
Marc Brodeur

Merilee Kelly, Agent
Christine Lagasse, Senior Clerk

I. Meeting called to Order at 7:04 P.M.

II. Minutes for approval:

February 8, 2017 - A motion was made by Everett Philla to approve the minutes of February 8. The motion was second by Evelyn Bouley. Motion passed 4-0.

III. Meeting Mail: (none)

IV. Appointments: (none)

V. Old Business:

There is still an opening on the Acushnet Conservation Commission. Any interested individuals can submit a letter of intent to the Board of Selectmen or to the Commission.

VI. New Business:

AMENDED OOC – Menard / Pageotte St. (SE001-0512) – A Notice of Intent was filed by David Menard for property located at Pageotte Street, Map 15, Lot(s) 222 & 241. The applicant proposes to construct a new single-family residence with associated driveway and septic, within the 100 foot buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland, the septic system is being moved by approximately two (2) feet. Plan name “Sewage Disposal Plan of Land at Pageotte Street in Acushnet, MA”. Revised plan dated 1/19/17.

Agent Kelly spoke with Mr. Menard’s engineer, Alan Ewing, today. He informed her the Board of Health is still revising what they want from him. Mr. Ewing is currently re-designing the septic system. He requested that the Amended OOC be continued until the next Conservation meeting, March 8, 2017. A motion was made by Everett Philla to continue the Amended OOC until March 8, 2017 and the motion was second by Heidi Pelletier. Motion passed 4-0.

COC – Magnuson / 47 Victor St. (SE001-0449) – A request for a Certificate of Compliance was filed by Alexander Magnuson for property located at 47 Victor Street, Map 24, Lot(s) 40. The applicant proposed to hook up to the existing town sewer line on Middle Road instead of installing a new septic system within the 100 foot buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by Farland Corp. Plan dated 1/11/17.

Agent Kelly explained that at the site visit Saturday, February 18, 2017, there were no signs this project ever happened. Everything had grown back in beautifully; it was just a line from the house to the street to tie into the town sewer line. A motion was made by Everett Philla to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 47 Victor St.; the motion was second by Evelyn Bouley. Motion passed 4-0.

Agent Updates:

Agent Kelly updated the Commission on the R.F.R. for Mattapoisett Rd. She explained the Board of Selectmen had met last night, Tuesday, February 21, 2017, and the Board of Selectmen still had not heard back from the Planning Board or the Assessor's Office. The Board of Selectmen had received Agent Kelly's report on the R.F.R. for Mattapoisett Road. The Selectmen had informed Agent Kelly they do not want to buy the property, as they do not have the money to purchase the property. Agent Kelly stated that she had also heard from Alan Decker from the BBC, and Mr. Hayward, the Chair of the Planning Board in Fairhaven, MA. She informed the Commission they were interested in what the Acushnet Board of Selectmen had decided on the property. Brian Noble, Acushnet Town Administrator will be contacting the Fairhaven Planning Board and Agent Kelly will be contacting the BBC to find out if they have any money to purchase the property on Mattapoisett Rd. Agent Kelly stated the Acushnet Board of Selectmen told her they would like to exercise the Right for First Refusal for them, but Acushnet had no funds to purchase the property.

There was a discussion on open space with the Board of Selectmen. Agent Kelly thinks the discussion with the Selectmen on open space should be better planned. Perhaps producing a map showing the open space areas, and where there currently are Conservation Restrictions in place. This way when properties come out of Chapter 61, it could more easily depict where the priority parcels are in town, together with highlights and an update of the current open space plan. Agent Kelly will be working on this for the Selectmen.

There was a short discussion amongst the Commission Members on the MACC Annual Conference to be held in March. Agent Kelly mentioned the MACC Conference will also be celebrating their 60th anniversary and will be having a slide show. They would like each Conservation Commission to send in one (1) PowerPoint slide with the name of Commission, the year the Commission was established, a photo or graphic relating to the Commission.

Mr. Rocha asked Agent Kelly if she had heard anything on the Peckham Road (Eversource Project). Agent Kelly replied that she has not heard anything on the project.

VII. Future Business:

- The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on Wednesday, March 8, 2017




VIII. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

A motion to adjourn was made by Heidi Pelletier. The motion was seconded by Evelyn Bouley. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Lagasse, Senior Clerk
Acushnet Conservation Commission

Minutes Approved:

Date: 3-8-17