



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Acushnet
Conservation Commission
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Heidi Pelletier
Evelyn Bouley
Paul Valente
Richard Pimentel
Ryan Rezendes

Merilee Kelly, Conservation Agent
Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk

**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 24, 2020
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

Present:	Robert Rocha Everett Philla Evelyn Bouley Paul Valente Ryan Rezendes Richard Pimentel Joann DeMello	Absent:	Heidi Pelletier Merilee Kelly, Agent
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I. Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. held via zoom.

II. Minutes for approval:

A motion was made by R. Rezendes to approve the minutes of November 10, 2020. P. Valente seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

III. Meeting Mail: None.

IV. Appointments: None.

V. Old Business: None.

VI. New Business: None.

VII. Discussion:

Wetlands By-Law Paul Valente is Chairman of the Wetlands By-Law Subcommittee. Members are as follows: Ryan Rezendes, Robert Rocha and Richard Pimentel. Agent Kelly sent an email regarding the definition of a river – intermittent vs. perennial streams for all to read. Some members did not have a chance to review it, R. Rocha suggested that everyone read it first. R. Rocha asked sub-committee Chairman Valente if he would be drafting the Standards discussed? Chairman Valente said he would have a draft ready for the next meeting, topics include changes to the no activity zone and pool discharging/dry well use. End of Wetlands By-Law Subcommittee discussion.

P.J. Keating Company Agent Kelly sent out an Enforcement Order regarding P.J. Keating Company to the members earlier today. Chairman Rocha read the E.O. aloud. R. Rezendes spoke about silt in the vegetation area and recent dredging and work on the outfall pipe. Chairman Rocha said EPA has been experiencing delays in response times due to Covid. E. Philla noticed a spelling error, Merilee to correct before signing. Chairman Rocha did a roll call vote: R. Pimentel – Yes; P. Valente – Yes; R. Rezendes – Yes, E. Philla – Yes, E. Bouley – Yes and Chairman Rocha – Yes. Motion passed 6-0.

Hunting on Conservation Land R. Rezendes emailed the members a document to review regarding hunting on Conservation land. Chairman Rocha shared the document on Zoom. R. Rezendes called some surrounding Towns to speak with the Town Officials regarding this subject. Rochester follows Massachusetts State Laws on hunting regulations and set backs. They allow hunting but do not advertise it. Mattapoisett follows Massachusetts guidelines, no regulations on file. Fairhaven has no regulations either. Agent Kelly said approximately 2 years ago that this was a conflict regarding hikers and geocachers. There are no minutes from past meetings to review on file with the Town Clerk. P. Valente made a comment that hunting is allowed on these Town owned areas. R. Rezendes said that Agent Kelly said that no hunting signs are posted on the properties, so she said you can't hunt because the former Town Administrator said no hunting. Chairman Rocha said this document will make things clearer. E. Philla would like to approach the Board of Health regarding the ticks and the disease they carry. Also, get the Board of Selectmen involved. E. Bouley suggested all members in support of this document meet with the Board of Selectmen. Motion was made for the Conservation Commission to move forward with language that clarifies the process of hunting on conservation land. R. Rezendes made that a motion. E. Bouley seconded the motion. Chairman Rocha did a roll call vote: R. Rezendes – Yes, R. Pimentel – Yes; P. Valente – Yes; E. Philla – Yes; E. Bouley; - Yes; Chairman Rocha – Yes. Motion passed. 6-0.

VIII. Agent Updates: P. Valente would like to inquire about a six lot parcel on 301 Perry Hill Road, driveway is now being constructed, any filing for this work? Agent Kelly to research. P. Valente would like this placed on file. R. Rezendes mentioned MACC has released a new guidebook on buffer zones.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

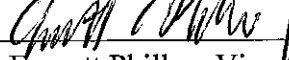
A motion to adjourn was made by E. Philla. The motion was seconded by R. Rezendes.
Motion passed 6-0.

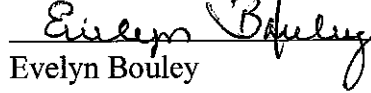
Respectfully submitted:


Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk
Acushnet Conservation Commission

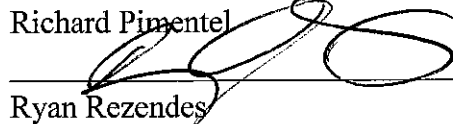
Minutes Approved:


Robert Rocha, Chairman


Everett Philla – Vice-Chairman


Evelyn Bouley
absent

Heidi Pelletier

Richard Pimentel

Ryan Rezendes

Paul Valente

Date signed: December 8, 2020