



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 FEBRUARY 9, 2021  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

<b>Present:</b>	Robert Rocha Everett Philla Heidi Pelletier Ryan Rezendes Evelyn Bouley – 6:26 p.m.  Merilee Kelly, Agent Joann DeMello  Christopher Capone, Wetlands Consultant	<b>Absent:</b>	Richard Pimentel Paul Valente
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**I. Meeting called to order at 6:09 p.m. held via zoom.**

**II. Minutes for approval:**

A motion was made by E. Philla to approve the minutes of January 26, 2021.  
R. Rezendes seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**III. Meeting Mail: Eversource notification to trim & cut along right-of-ways.**

**IV. Appointments: None.**

**V. Old Business: None.**

**VI. New Business:**

**NOI – Manuel Madruga/PICO Stone – 588 Middle Rd / SE 001-0560**

A Notice of Intent was filed by Manuel Madruga/PICO Stone for property located on 588 Middle Road, Map 21, lot 9A.15. The applicant proposes to permit the storage of the stockpiles of wood chips, stone and stumps and corrective measures to eliminate siltation into an adjacent intermittent stream within the 100 foot buffer zone. The applicant is

represented by Christopher Capone. Plan name is "Existing Conditions, Permitting & Settling Basin Design Plan" date January 26, 2021. The Commission conducted a site visit on Saturday. Mr. Capone and Kevin Silva of S & K Engineering were present at the site visit. Green cards were received via email. Mr. Capone is present via zoom - The property utilizes a cranberry operation, gravel operation and solar array. An enforcement order was issued on January 13, 2021 for discharge of process water slurry into the buffer zone & wood chips, yard waste and mulch in the buffer zone at the edge of the wetlands. Mr. Capone was hired to delineate the wetlands. Mr. Capone is proposing 2' X 4' concrete barriers to provide a back stop and a settling basin for silt and recirculation of water. Mr. Capone stated the site is not an industrial site - it's a gravel site. Chairman Rocha asked how long work would take? Mr. Capone said it may take 3 days weather permitting. Mr. Capone requests that the Enforcement Order be lifted. Patrick Hannon - Soil Board Inspector is involved with issuing the Soil Permit. Agent Kelly said Mr. Hannon requested to have a peer review on the wetland delineation. Mr. Hannon was unable to attend due to a conflicting meeting. Mr. Capone spoke about the settling basin - it's not a stormwater basin. R. Rezendes said the issue is more of a housekeeping item, he noted no major neglect or major impact to the wetlands. The plan presented is good and it will work well. R. Rezendes suggested a containment area for fueling vehicles. E. Philla agreed it's a good plan that will make the environment safer. Chairman Rocha asked when was the delineation completed? Mr. Capone replied about 10 days ago - before the snowfall. Chairman Rocha asked how long have you been delineating wetlands? Mr. Capone replied 30 years. Special Conditions were discussed for the Order of Conditions. 1. Notify Conservation Agent when work will begin. 2. Maintenance of settling basin every 2 months. 3. Contained area for a means of protecting the wetland from fuel spillage. Chairman Rocha said that peer review was not needed. R. Rezendes made a motion to issue a positive order of conditions with the 3 special conditions as listed. E. Philla seconded the motion. Roll call vote - Ryan - Yes, Heidi - Yes; Everett - Yes; Evelyn - Yes; Chairman Rocha - Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

## **VII. Discussion:**

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

**Hunting on Conservation Land** No feedback from Town departments; Merilee to inquire again.


## **VIII. Agent Updates:**

- Robinson Road - No filing yet - driveway construction has begun.
- Municipal Vulnerability Workshop - 2 classes held for 2 hours via zoom.
- MACC classes to be held virtually from April 4 to the 17<sup>th</sup>. R. Rezendes is interested in taking some classes.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:44 P.M.**

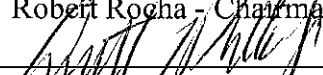
A motion to adjourn was made by E. Philla. The motion was seconded by E. Bouley  
Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk  
Acushnet Conservation Commission

Minutes Approved:

  
Robert Rocha - Chairman

  
Everett Philla - Vice-Chairman

Evelyn Bouley

  
Heidi Pelletier

absent  
Richard Pimentel

Ryan Rezendes

absent

Paul Valente

Date signed: February 23, 2021

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