



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 23, 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

Steven Gioiosa, SITEC, Inc.  
Alan Clapp, Nexamp, Inc.  
Douglas Vigneau, PJK Environmental Compliance Manager  
Charles Caron, Caron Environmental  
Robert Robinson, PJK Vice President Aggregates  
Michael Warner, PJK Site Manager  
Michael Toohill, Coneco Engineer & Scientists

**I. Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. held via zoom.**

**II. Minutes for approval:**

A motion was made by E. Philla to approve the minutes of February 9, 2021 with a change in description from 2 X 4 concrete barriers to 2' X 4' concrete barriers.  
R. Rezendes seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**III. Meeting Mail: Hamlin Street bridge update.**

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IV. **Appointments:** None.

V. **Old Business:**

**NOI – P.J. Keating Company / 72 South Main Street SE 001-0558** - 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. Douglas Vigneau is present to update the Commission. Mr. Vigneau said the weather conditions have stalled the progress. All team members regarding the delineation are in agreement to continue this hearing until March 23, 2021. E. Philla made a motion to continue to the March 23, 2021 hearing date. R. Rezendes seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Everett, Rick, Heidi, Ryan and Chairman Rocha- Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

VI. **New Business:**

**NOI – Alan Clapp – Cushing Solar, LLC / Cushing Lane – Map 7 Lot 25 SE 001-XXXX** **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. Chairman Rocha read aloud the 2 NOI ads, seeing they are adjacent to one another, the discussion will include both projects. Commission members conducted a site visit on Saturday. Green cards were received via email from Mr. Gioiosa. Steve Gioiosa of SITEC, Inc., Alan Clapp of Nexamp, Inc. and Raymond White were present on Saturday. Mr. Gioiosa shared his screen of the plan regarding Cushing Lane. Mr. Gioiosa stated it is not a Natural Heritage property. Christopher Capone delineated the wetlands this past summer. The project will include a chain link fence around the perimeter and 2 equipment pads. Erosion control barriers will run North to South. The solar panels will be placed outside of the buffer zone with some clearing in the buffer zone. The slope is mild. Discussion on 1052 Main Street – 2 equipment pads, a turnout for emergency vehicles and stormwater access are proposed. A berm approximately 3 feet high will be created in the Northeast corner to slow the water flow and also one on the West side approximately 2 to 3 feet high will be installed. The berms will work with the natural topography and grading. Erosion control is proposed around the activity area of the East and West sides. Chairman Rocha asked will the bottom of the fence be 6” off the ground to allow passage of small wildlife? Mr. Gioiosa – Yes. Chairman Rocha asked will the cul-de-sac be created? Mr. Gioiosa said that would be a question for Raymond White-Owner. The next steps would involve the Planning Board. Agent Kelly asked about the stormwater berm and standing water regarding mosquitoes. Mr. Gioiosa said 6”bed of crushed stone at the base is a good idea. Chairman Rocha asked about the maintenance of the drainage area. Mr. Clapp said his company does maintain ownership and they do maintain the property 2 to 3 times a year. R. Pimentel asked what kind of erosion control will you be

using on the Cushing Lane site? Mr. Gioiosa said a silt fence and filter sock. Agent Kelly asked are you willing to add something to the seed mix for the pollinators? Mr. Clapp said the clover didn't do well, but they do add in a pollinator mix. R. Rezendes asked about the foundation for the panels are they the screw in type? Mr. Clapp said Yes. DEP file numbers have not been received for the 2 listed projects. E. Philla made a motion to continue to the next meeting. R. Pimentel seconded the motion. Roll call vote - Everett, Heidi, Ryan, Rick and Chairman Rocha –Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

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

**SE 001-XXXX 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. Discussion above includes this adjacent parcel. E. Philla made a motion to continue to the next meeting. R. Pimentel seconded the motion. Roll call vote Everett, Heidi, Ryan, Rick and Chairman Rocha – Yes. Motion passed.

**VII. Discussion:**

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

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

**VIII. Agent Updates:**

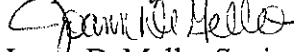
- Municipal Vulnerability Workshop – Please try to attend, classes held via zoom.

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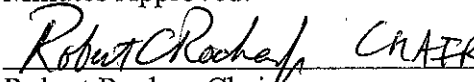
**Meeting adjourned at 6:46 P.M.**

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

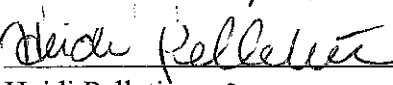
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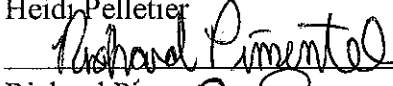
  
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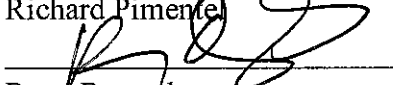
Minutes Approved:

 CHAIR  
Robert Rocha - Chairman

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Everett Philla - Vice-Chairman

  
Heidi Pelletier

  
Richard Pimentel

  
Ryan Rezendes

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Paul Valente

Date signed: March 9, 2021

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