

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 APRIL 13, 2021
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

Present: Robert Rocha
Everett Philla
Heidi Pelletier
Richard Pimentel

Absent: Evelyn Bouley
Paul Valente
Ryan Rezendes

Merilee Kelly, Agent
Joann DeMello

Derick Resendes, resident

I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. held via zoom.

II. Minutes for approval:

A motion was made by E. Philla to approve the minutes of March 23, 2021. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

III. Meeting Mail: None.

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. Request for continuance was made by Douglas Vigneau via email to Agent Kelly, date to resume discussion

would be May 11, 2021. Agent Kelly received a call from the Board of Health requesting a continuance to April 27, 2021 – they would like to move the silt pile removal process / discussion along quicker. R. Pimentel made a motion to continue until the next meeting date of April 27, 2021. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Everett – No, Heidi, Richard and Chairman Rocha - Yes. Motion passed 3-1.

NOI – Alan Clapp – Cushing Solar, LLC / Cushing Lane – Map 7 Lot 26

SE 001-0562 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. Agent Kelly received an email request from Steve Gioiosa requesting a continuance to April 27, 2021. The engineer is awaiting comments from the Planning Board. E. Philla made a motion to continue the hearing until April 27, 2021. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Everett, Heidi, Richard and Chairman Rocha – Yes. Motion passed 4-0.

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

SE 001-0561 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. Agent Kelly received an email request from Steve Gioiosa requesting a continuance to April 27, 2021. The engineer is awaiting comments from the Planning Board. H. Pelletier made a motion to continue the hearing until April 27, 2021. R. Pimentel seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Everett, Heidi, Richard and Chairman Rocha – Yes. Motion passed 4-0.

VI. New Business:

RDA – Derick Resendes / 67 Nestle’s Lane A Request for Determination was filed by Derick Resendes for property located at 67 Nestle’s Lane, Map 1, lot 14C.1. The applicant proposes to spread seed and loam within the 100’ buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The Commission conducted a site visit on Saturday. Mr. Resendes was present on the zoom meeting to discuss this project. Mr. Resendes would like to spread about 4 to 6 inches of loam. Ryan Rezendes sent comments via email to Agent Kelly – he would like to suggest a silt fence be installed on the North and West side of the property until the ground has been stabilized. E. Philla made a motion to issue a negative determination with the following conditions 1. Install a silt fence on the North and West side of the property line. 2. Contact Agent Kelly before work begins. R. Pimentel seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Everett, Heidi, Ryan and Chairman Rocha – Yes. Motion passed 4-0.

VII. Discussion:

VIII. Agent Updates:

- **10 Hebert Road** - Site visit was conducted on 4/10/21. Agent Kelly said the complaint she received said new buildings were going up in the buffer zone. Agent Kelly said the Commission noticed a truck body and old building to shelter cows, they have been there for awhile. Ryan Rezendes comments via email to Agent Kelly – Commission did not walk the wetland edge of the entire 30 acre parcel. The area they did walk had a clear defined edge and he did not observe any violations. Mr. Sousa, owner, said he is working with an Engineer to re-develop this site.
- **Abutting property to 242 Keene Road** – Site visit was conducted on 4/10/21. Agent Kelly said lot has been cleared to the edges, owner is closer to the wetlands than he thought he was. Agent Kelly sent him a letter stating to file with the Commission. Owner does have straw wattles in place. Ryan Rezendes comments via email to Agent Kelly – He would like to see the property owner file with the Commission seeing how close the scope of work is to the nearby stream and topography of the site in relation to said stream. The erosion control in place seemed adequate and he would like to have it regularly inspected and maintained throughout the entire project.
- **21 Evergreen Drive** – Site visit was conducted on 4/10/21. Ryan Rezendes comments via email to Agent Kelly – Ryan Rezendes reviewed the minutes from the RDA filing from June 2018. The minutes stated to the homeowner that the resource area at the rear of the property was to be protected and potentially certified. The area is now filled in and has been altered from its original state. Ryan would like to see the wildlife habitat repaired and/or replicated to its original state. Richard Pimentel was not on the Commission in 2018. Everett Philla said the vernal pool was to be protected and it wasn't. Trees have been cut and fill has been added. Everett would like this corrected or replicated. Heidi Pelletier was surprised to see the condition of the vernal pool. H. Pelletier also mentioned a pipe coming from a neighbor's property, needs to be looked at. Chairman Rocha was not able to attend the site visit, but will view the property this coming week and suggests the homeowner and engineer discuss this project. Agent Kelly said she thinks the only solution is replication. Chairman Rocha asked Agent Kelly if she noticed a pipe or drainage coming from the property next door. Agent Kelly said she did. Chairman Rocha said the Commission will deal with the issue separately.
- **100 Middle Road** - Call received from resident stating area has been cleared. Agent Kelly sent the owner a letter from the office explaining what the homeowner cannot do in a resource area.
- Commission would like to place 4 Wilfred Lane on next agenda – Enforcement Order follow up.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29P.M.

A motion to adjourn was made by E. Philla The motion was seconded by H. Pelletier.
Motion passed 4-0.

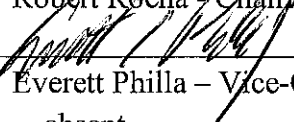
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Respectfully submitted:


Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk
Acushnet Conservation Commission

Minutes Approved:


Robert Rocha - Chairman


Everett Philla - Vice-Chairman
absent

Evelyn Bouley


Heidi Pelletier


Richard Pimentel
absent

Ryan Rezendes
absent

Paul Valente

Date signed: April 27, 2021

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