

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

Patrick Hannon, Conservation Agent  
Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk

**MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2021  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**Present:** Robert Rocha, Chairman  
Everett Philla  
Ryan Rezendes  
Heidi Pelletier

**Absent:** Paul Valente  
Evelyn Bouley  
Richard Pimentel

Patrick Hannon, Agent  
Joann DeMello

Jarrold & Cathleen Freitas, resident  
Ernest Addo, resident  
Andrew Poyant, DEP Circuit Rider

**I. Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m. in person and via zoom.**

**II. Minutes for approval:**

A motion was made by R. Rezendes to approve the minutes of June 8, 2021. E. Philla seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**III. Meeting Mail: None. At this time Chairman Rocha welcomed Patrick Hannon as the newly hired Conservation Commission Agent.**

**IV. Appointments:**

**V. Old Business:**

## VI. New Business:

**(Public Hearing) RDA – Jarrod & Cathleen Freitas / 1428 Main Street** A Request for Determination was filed by Jarrod & Cathleen Freitas for property located at 1428 Main Street, Map 5, Lot 6A. The applicant proposes to construct a 30' x 50' detached garage adjacent to the single family home, minor site grading and expansion of the existing paved driveway within the 100' buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. Plan name is "Proposed Garage Plan 1428 Main Street in Acushnet, MA" dated May 21, 2021. Commission members conducted a site visit on Saturday. Chairman Rocha gave an overview of the site visit. The shed will be removed; there is an existing paved driveway. Proposed erosion control recommended is silt fence or hay bale – John Romanelli, land surveyor, will let the Agent know what erosion control they will use. A grate to deflect water flow in front of the garage was discussed. Agent Hannon mentioned this project may require a stormwater permit; he also recommended the use of a silt sock for erosion control. R. Rezendes made a motion to issue a negative determination with the added conditions 1. Install an erosion control (silt sock) as needed to control stormwater. 2. Install a drain at the front of the garage. E. Philla seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**(Public Hearing) RDA – Ernest Addo / 4 Wilfred Lane** A Request for Determination was filed by Ernest Addo for property located at 4 Wilfred Lane, Map 24, Lot 23F. The applicant proposes to remove fill and construction debris from the buffer zone to the bordering vegetated wetland. Agent Hannon and Mr. Addo met on the property. Discussed fill removal and flagging the wetlands. Agent Hannon said flagging the wetlands would clear up the confusion about where the buffer zone is vs. wetlands. Agent Hannon mentioned the fill is mixed with solid waste. Agent Hannon said the solid waste and other fill material needs to be removed from the property and may need to be screened and separated. Chairman Rocha recommended a wetland scientist needs to be hired. Bricks and stones can go to the Raynham Transfer Station. Agent Hannon would like a weight ticket for proof of delivery to the Transfer Station. E. Philla made a motion to continue the public hearing on August 11, 2021. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Mr. Addo said he may not be able to attend this meeting as he will be out of town for a family matter.

## VII. Discussion:

- **21 Evergreen Drive** - Chairman Rocha received a message from Mrs. Fernandes that the Engineer was unable to work on the project plans.
- **88 Wing Lane** - Commission members met an engineer on site on Saturday regarding the drainage area at the back of the property on the Northeast edge. Chairman Rocha said how the water drains thru the rip rap has been changed. A trench was created to drain the water. The access road has also been changed but no concern to the Conservation Commission. Agent Hannon will speak with contact on file regarding this project. R. Rezendes asked if the applicant will need to file again for additional work? The Certificate of Compliance and As-built process will reflect the changes.
- **Andrew Poyant – DEP Circuit Rider** – Mr. Poyant gave a presentation of the Wetlands Protection Act Procedures.

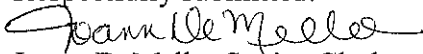
### **VIII. Agent Updates:**

- Agent Hannon spoke on concerns about the office computers and equipment being outdated. He will speak with Town Administrator regarding funds from the Cares Act. Agent Hannon would also like to get a projector and small screen for use at the Conservation meetings held in the office.
- Agent Hannon will put together a Wetlands Enforcement Manual for the Commission members.
- Agent Hannon stated that once DEP has issued a file number for a project, this number shall be displayed onsite following Mass. DEP regulations. He has been to several active sites and no signage is on display.

### **Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.**

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

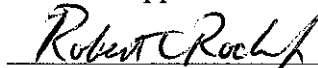
Respectfully submitted:



Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk

Acushnet Conservation Commission

Minutes Approved:

 CHAIR

Robert Rocha - Chairman



Everett Philla

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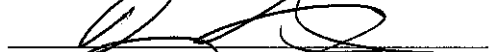
Evelyn Bouley



Heidi Pelletier

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Richard Pimentel



Ryan Rezendes

absent

Paul Valente

Date signed: August 25, 2021