

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Town of Acushnet Conservation Commission

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Robert Rocha, Chairman Everett Philfa, Vice- Chairman Heidi Pelletier Evelyn Bouley Paul Valente Richard Pimentel Ryan Rezendes

Patrick Hannon, Conservation Agent Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk

Absent: Paul Valente

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## MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2021 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

**Present:** 

Robert Rocha, Chairman

Everett Philla

Ryan Rezendes Richard Pimentel Heidi Pelletier

Patrick Hannon, Agent

Joann DeMello

David M. Davignon, Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc.

Douglas Fredette, owner – James Street

# I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### II. Minutes for approval:

A motion was made by E. Philla to approve the minutes of November 10, 2021.

R. Pimentel seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by R. Pimentel to approve the executive session minutes of November 10, 2021. E. Philla seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- III. Meeting Mail: MACC dues are going up this year approximately 2% increase.
- IV. Appointments: None.
- V. Old Business: None.

#### VI. New Business:

E. Philla made a motion to open the public hearing. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

(Public Hearing) RDA – Joshua & Doris Arruda / 148 Peckham Road - A Request for Determination was filed by Joshua & Doris Arruda for property located at 148 Peckham Road, Map 16, Lot 7 (plan lot J). The applicant proposes to install a septic system with associated grading within the 100 ft. buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by Kevin Silva of S & K Engineering, LUC. Plan name is "Septic System Repair Plan" for 148 Peckham Road dated November 15; 2021. Commission conducted a site visit on Saturday. Agent Hannon recommended the following erosion control conditions for the RDA. 1. Install a silt fence a minimum of 25 feet from the wetland line. The silt fence is the limit of work. No work beyond the silt fence. 2. No soil to be stockpiled in the buffer zone. 3. No soil from the previous septic leaching field to be reused onsite. R. Pimentel made a motion to issue a negative determination with the above 3 conditions. E. Philla seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. R. Rezendes made a motion to close the hearing, seconded by H. Pelletier. Motion passed 5-0.

R. Pimentel made a motion to open the public hearing. E. Philla seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

(Public Hearing) NOI - Eric DeBarros / Map 14, Lot 4 C Hathaway Road SE 001-0570. A Notice of Intent was filed by Eric DeBarros for property located at Map 14, Lot 4C Hathaway Road. The applicant proposes to construct a single family dwelling, septic system and a 12 ft. wide gravel driveway along with a 50' X 80' barn/garage southerly from the dwelling within the 100-ft. buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by David M. Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is "Sewage Disposal System – Site Plan" for Hathaway Road dated November 18, 2021. Green cards were received. Mr. Davignon gave an overview of the project stating the house will be in the buffer zone and the garage will be outside of the buffer zone. The septic system will be a denitrification system due to the slow perc test. Natural Heritage comments have not been received. The wetland flag line was discussed, it was delineated on vegetation, no munsell soil chart used. Agent Hannon suggested a layout of the process of work. Chairman Rocha would like the flag line peer reviewed. Mr. Davignon suggested an alternative to peer review - relocate the driveway further away from the wet meadow to create a permanent 15 ft. no activity zone. Boulders, a split rail fence and/or bushes to be used to prevent encroachment into the wetlands. A silt fence to be placed at the limit of work. The Commission voted to continue this hearing until January 12, 2022. Mr. Davignon to provide revised plans.

Chairman Rocha read aloud the following Extension Orders for Mr. Fredette – Lot A & Lot B James Street.

<u>Order of Conditions Extension – Douglas Fredette – James Street Lot A</u> – A Request for an Extension to an existing Order of Conditions file # SE 001-0536 for property located at James Street, Map 15, Lot 458. The applicant proposed to construct a single family dwelling with associated utilities, driveway, grading and landscaping with the

100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. Mr. Fredette was present and said due to Covid the project is behind schedule. The extension is requested for 3 years. Mr. Fredette is proceeding with tree cutting and stumping. He is in the process of applying for building permits. Agent Hannon would like Mr. Fredette to tidy up the silt fence. R. Rezendes made a motion to issue the extension order for 3 years. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Order of Conditions Extension – Douglas Fredette – James Street Lot B A Request for an Extension to an existing Order of Conditions file # SE 001-0537 for property located at James Street, Map 15, Lot 458 The applicant proposed to construct a single family dwelling with associated utilities, driveway, grading and landscaping within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. Mr. Fredette was present and said due to Covid the project is behind schedule. The extension is requested for 3 years. Mr. Fredette is proceeding with tree cutting and stumping. He is in the process of applying for building permits. Agent Hannon would like Mr. Fredette to tidy up the silt fence. R. Rezendes made a motion to issue the extension order for 3 years. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

## VII. <u>Discussion:</u>

- 148 & 158 Peckham Road SE 001-0526 Possible Violation. Agent Hannon and the Commission did a site visit on Saturday, noting the basin has not been installed. Agent Hannon would like a schedule of work regarding the project from Jamie of Zenith Consulting Engineers. Also requested to send an as-built for the culverts and drainage structures along with the SWPPP plan.
- Acushnet River Valley Nature Preserve. Agent Hannon to get more information from the caller, Commission has not heard of the preserve.
- Stormwater fees Pat and Joann have started issuing stormwater permits and there is considerable work that has to be done. Testing, sampling and mapping etc. The collected fees would be placed in a revolving account to pay bills relating to Stormwater. R. Pimentel made a motion to approve the 53G account. E. Philla seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

#### VIII. Agent Updates:

- Computers still need programs, IT person has resigned. Requests shall be sent to the BOS office Lisa and Laura are the contacts.
- Update on Mr. Addo Wilfred Lane. Awaiting a call from DEP.

#### Public Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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



Respectfully submitted:
Joann Wilmella
Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk
Acushnet Conservation Commission
Minutes Approved:
Robert CRock
Robert Rocka / Chairman /
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Date signed: January 12, 2022