



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 FEBRUARY 23, 2022
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

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

Absent: Paul Valente
Evelyn Bouley

Patrick Hannon, Agent
Joann DeMello

Robert Robinson, PJK Vice President Aggregates
Douglas Vigneau, PJK Environmental Compliance Manager
Charles Caron, Caron Environmental
Christian Desousa, resident
Dianne Abram, resident
Thomas Threlfall, resident

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

Minutes for approval: E. Philla made a motion to approve the January 26, 2022 and February 9, 2022 minutes. R. Rezendes seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting Mail: Eversource notification to apply herbicides along the power line rights-of-way.

Appointments: None.

Old Business:

P.J. Keating Co. – 72 South Main Street – Discussion on wetland violation, site visit held on February 19, 2022. Agent Hannon said the silt fence is not properly installed. Groundwater is flowing that is full of silt, heading towards the wetlands and until the pile

is moved this is where we are at. Chairman Rocha said at the last meeting there was discussion about Counsel for both sides could meet to discuss a resolution before an enforcement order would be issued. The Commission would like to discuss getting the pile moved sooner than the order of conditions allows. Mr. Robinson suggested the end of the season would be ideal, drier time of the year and there are no workers and equipment on site – we use our own people to do this job. Chairman Rocha asked end of season - please clarify. Mr. Robinson the dry season is July, August and September it will be 6 weeks of moving material. Mr. Caron said the material is wet, ideally June to July would be the best, planting and seeding in August. Mr. Desousa asked how many years has the mining waste been accumulating? Mr. Robinson said 15 years – it's a sellable product. Dianne Abram voiced her concerns about the moving the pile and the dust issues. Mr. Robinson replied with the plan will be followed to move the silt in the dry months and dust suppression will be used. Chairman Rocha would like to settle on a date to start discussions between the town and P.J. Keating attorneys regarding the removal process by the end of June, the meeting will be posted in accordance with Mass. General Laws. Mr. Caron asked if the order of conditions can be amended? Mr. Vigneau asked about public hearings vs. public meetings.

New Business:

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

(Public Hearing) RDA – Derick Costa / 152 Quaker Lane - A Request for Determination was filed by Derick Costa for property located at 152 Quaker Lane, Map 6, Lot 20. The applicant proposes to construct a heavy use barnyard area, waste storage facility and roof to cover both within the 100 ft. buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by Robert Field of Field Engineering Co., Inc. Plan name is "Site Exhibit" for 152 Quaker Lane dated February 9, 2022. The Commission conducted a site visit on Saturday. Mr. Field was present to discuss this project. Mr. Costa received a federal grant to manage his beef cattle operation. Agent Hannon asked Mr. Field if he had a chance to review the historical photos, noting there was a major wetlands filling. Mr. Field did not review the maps. Agent Hannon noted the time frame of the filling and if ownership remained the same it may be non-jurisdictional. Thomas Threlfall, a neighbor, spoke on the project saying it will be an asset to have the manure management facility. R. Rezendes made a motion to issue a positive determination. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

R. Rezendes made a motion to close the hearing. E. Philla seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion:

- Buffer zone policy, place on next agenda.
- Budget Fiscal 2023 – Agent Hannon discussed moving the Senior Clerk to Administrative Assistant, staffing the office full time. No burden on the tax payers, money would come from the WPA funds. The Town Administrator would like an official vote to proceed to the Finance Committee. H. Pelletier made a motion to approve the Senior Clerk to Administrative Assistant full time hours. E. Philla seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Stormwater:

- P.J. Keating Co. – 72 South Main Street – Stormwater permit discussion. Agent Hannon stated a stormwater permit is needed, PJK paved more than 5,000 sq. feet for the asphalt plant which triggers the stormwater permit. Mr. Vigneau asked who will the town be using for stormwater review? Agent Hannon said Beals & Thomas.
- Stormwater Bylaw revisions – The warrant closes on March 11, 2022. EPA is requiring new language and modifications.

Agent Updates:

- Agent Hannon did a site visit today at 293 Perry Hill Road regarding a complaint about tree cutting. A Notice of Intent was filed, an Order of Conditions has been issued. Stormwater has been issued. Mr. Francois does have an appeal regarding the subdivision with the Planning Board not the Conservation Commission. No wetland issues found today.
- Rep Weld – Main Street – update...Mr. Cenerizio will speak with his engineer on all the requirements necessary to be a junk yard. Agent Hannon suggested having the engineer in to discuss a date certain for the work plan. The permitting authority would like to see the work completed by May, if not there may be a possibility of revoking the license.
- CVE North America – Wing Lane – Infiltration Study will be conducted by Beals and Thomas.

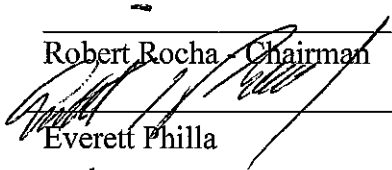
Public Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk
Acushnet Conservation Commission

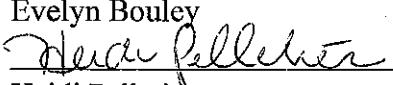
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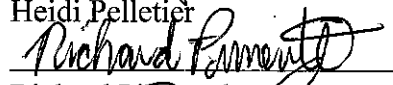

Robert Rocha - Chairman


Everett Philla

absent

Evelyn Bouley


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Richard Pimentel


Ryan Rezendes

absent

Paul Valente

Date signed: March 9, 2022