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Everett Philla, Vice- Chairman
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Ryan Rezendes

Patrick Hannon, Conservation Agent
Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2022
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

Present: Robert Rocha, Chairman
Everett Philla
Ryan Rezendes
Richard Pimentel
Evelyn Bouley

Absent: Heidi Pelletier

Patrick Hannon
Joann DeMello

William Madden, G.A.F. Engineering
Norman Fredette, resident
Christopher and Johnelle Ciano, residents
Robert Hinckley, Selectman

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes for approval: E. Philla made motion to approve the minutes of October 26, 2022. R. Pimentel seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. R. Rezendes made a motion to approve the minutes of November 9, 2022. E. Philla seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting Mail: None.

Old Business:

Continued (Public Hearing) NOI – Frank P. Joseph, Jr. / 352 Main Street SE 001-0577 A Notice of Intent was filed by Frank P. Joseph, Jr for property located at 352 Main Street, Map 11, lot 28. The applicant proposes a septic system upgrade within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by David J. Fredette of Fredette Engineering Services. Plan name is "Site Plan for Septic System Upgrade" dated August 31, 2022. Septic design is being reviewed by the Board of

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

Continued (Public Hearing) Whelden Lane – Historic Trail. A public hearing will be held to determine the rights of public access and use of the Whelden Lane Historic Trail. Agent Hannon said the Park Commission along with Pauline Teixeira are still gathering information, suggested to continue in 2 months. R. Pimentel made a motion to continue in 2 months for more information. R. Rezendes seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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New Business:

Certificate of Compliance – Acushnet Company / 115 Manchester Lane SE 001-0568 A Certificate of Compliance was filed by Acushnet Company – Kevin Kelly for property located at 115 Manchester Lane, Map 11 Lot 24C.34. The applicant constructed a 40' X 60' maintenance building with associated parking lot, utilities, subsurface sewage disposal system and stormwater management system within the 100-ft buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. Commission conducted a site visit on Saturday. William Madden of G.A.F. Engineering was present to update the Commission, he provided photos of the infiltration bed and drain pipe changes, area has been seeded and it's about 75% complete. Commission said project looks great. E. Bouley made a motion to issue a certificate of compliance. E. Philla seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Certificate of Compliance – Brian Hubert / Attorney Glover / 16 Hunter Street SE 001-0115 A Certificate of Compliance was filed by Brian Glover / Brian Hubert for property located at 16 Hunter Street. The applicant constructed a dwelling, driveway, well, grading and landscaping. Commission conducted a site visit on Saturday. Certificate was needed for a property sale. E. Philla made a motion to issue a certificate of compliance. E. Bouley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Solar Project – 550 Main Street – Wetlands Protection Act and NPDES violations, review of matters presented; votes may be taken. Agent Hannon said there was a major stormwater breach, property located at 582 Main Street did not have access to clean water. Well tests were performed and results showed ecoli bacteria. Agent Hannon stated there is no RDA or NOI filed for this project. Agent Hannon read aloud the CMR regulations pertaining to the project. Agent Hannon also noted the SWPPP was not valid due to the sale of the property, EPA should have been notified. David Turin –EPA is concerned about the well. Agent Hannon requests that the property owner gets connected to town water immediately. Mr. Stephen Campbell, Chief Operation Officer of Navisun, LLC was present to answer any questions. Agent Hannon disclosed that he knows Mr. Campbell while serving as the Conservation Commission Chairman in Uxbridge. Mr. Campbell also disclosed he knew Mr. Hannon from Uxbridge. Mr. Campbell said he is committed to working out the issues – Stormwater will be diverted, building a berm to divert water – his team is working on this project. Agent Hannon mentioned there will be a department meeting held Monday, December 19 at 8:45 a.m. to get all departments up to date and review the sign off process so something like this does not happen again.

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Continued (Public Hearing) Stormwater – Amendment to a previously approved Stormwater Plan / Paul Boucher and Nancy Durfee / 7 Morton Lane, SE 09130566 A

Request to Amend a previously approved Stormwater Plan was filed by Paul Boucher and Nancy Durfee for property located at 7 Morton Lane, Map 14, Lots 15H & 17. The applicant requests review of the Stormwater management calculations submitted by Heureux Engineering, LLC. Plan sketch submitted on July 22, 2022 by Heureux Engineering, LLC. Agent Hannon has not spoken with Alan Heureux. E. Philla made a motion to continue for 1 month for more information. R. Pimentel seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Hearing – Stormwater – Jose S. Castelo / Park Drive & Deep Brook Drive, Map 17, Lots 66-84, Map 18, Lots 12R, 12S, 18, 18G.

A Stormwater Permit Application has been filed by Jose S. Castelo for property located at Park Drive & Deep Brook Drive, Map 17, Lots 66-84, Map 18, Lots 12R, 12S, 18, 18G, Acushnet, MA. The applicant proposes to construct approximately 2,350 feet of roadway with associated drainage and utility systems to serve a 15-lot residential subdivision. The applicant is represented by Jamie Bissonnette of Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC. Plan name is "Deep Brook Estates" dated October 24, 2017. Agent Hannon has sent the peer review estimate to Jamie Bissonnette of Zenith Consulting Engineers. Mr. Bissonnette said Mr. Castelo would like a 2nd quote. Agent Hannon said the Commission does not have a 2nd peer reviewer. Agent Hannon explained that Mr. Castelo can appeal to the Board of Selectmen. Agent Hannon said that the erosion control plan is not on file and Town Counsel said that Stormwater is needed for this project. Mr. Hannon would like Mr. Castelo to comply or he would revoke the provisional approval. Agent Hannon said the quote was \$4,000.00. Chairman Rocha looked into the camera and said "Joe if you are watching I recommend using the Beals and Thomas bid and get this resolved, that's a good price." R. Rezendes made a motion to continue to next meeting. E. Bouley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Stormwater By-law and Stormwater Regulation discussion – Chairman Rocha said he hasn't been able to work on these nor has Ryan. R. Rezendes would like the Commission to review the solar by-law and take a look at the tree bank section. Agent Hannon said Jamie from Zenith Consulting Engineers and Jeff DeTerra of DeTerra & Sons would be more than happy to come to a meeting to explain what they encounter with the Acushnet bylaw and regulations.

Discussion:

Stormwater Peer Review – Commission would like to get 2 Stormwater Peer Review Consultants. Projects could then be given to the consultants on a rotation basis. Joann to send a request for a fee schedule to G.A.F. Engineering and GCG Associates.

2023 Filing Deadline Schedule – Joann sent the schedule to the Chairman for review, looks good. It will be placed on the Conservation Commission website.

Senior Clerk update – Agent Hannon asked the Chairman for permission to sign the P.A.F. form for submittal to the Town Administrator regarding the stipend. Chairman

Rocha said yes and documentation regarding the job responsibilities has also been sent by Chairman Rocha to the Town Administrator.

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Agent Updates:

Solar field updates – Agent Hannon said there are 5 solar field projects going on in town now. Agent Hannon mentioned Bates is the contractor for the projects.


Discussion about December 28th meeting and site visits. E. Philla made a motion to suspend the December 28, 2022 meeting to January 11, 2023. E. Bouley seconded the motion. Motion passed. Site visits will be scheduled for January 7, 2023.

Christopher and Johnelle Ciano arrived at the end of the meeting inquiring about Deep Brook Estates. Agent Hannon and Chairman Rocha informed them of the project status and the hearing was continued – waiting for peer review. Mr. Ciano would like to get a definite count of the number of dwellings to be constructed – abutter notice said 25, Commission has 15.

Public Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

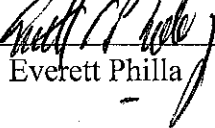


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Minutes Approved:

 - CHAIR

Robert Rocha, Chairman

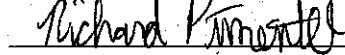


Everett Philla

Evelyn Bouley

absent

Heidi Pelletier



Richard Pimentel

Ryan Rezendes

Date signed: January 25, 2023