



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Acushnet
Conservation Commission
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Robert Rocha, Chairman
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Heidi Pelletier
Evelyn Bouley
Paul Valente
Richard Pimentel
Ryan Rezendes

Patrick Hannon, Conservation Agent
Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk

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MARCH 23 2022
TOWN OF ACUSHNET

**MINUTES OF MARCH 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

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. held in the Conservation Office - 130 Main Street

Minutes for approval: None.

Meeting Mail: Agent Hannon said emails that are received are part of discussion items.

Old Business:

P.J. Keating Co. – 72 South Main Street – Discussion on proposed revisions to order of conditions DEP file # SE 001-0558 review of matters presented; votes may be taken. (Regarding buffer zone restoration and stabilization of mining waste) Agent Hannon and Attorney Legere conversed by emails about the removal timeline for the piles and amending the order of conditions. Agent Hannon said he would work on an enforcement order with Town Counsel for the April 13, 2022 meeting.

New Business:

Long term maintenance plans from the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Agent Hannon received a long term maintenance plan from Sara Quintal regarding the Acushnet Saw Mill – Acushnet River Reserve. Agent Hannon met Sara onsite and she updated him on the project. Straightforward plan. Commission members read over the plan and agreed it was concise and well thought out.

E. Philla made a motion to accept the long term plan. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion:

- Policy on Buffer zone – Agent Hannon said it's a policy not a regulation. Commission members have read the policy. R. Pimentel made a motion to adopt the policy. E. Philla seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- Discussion on constructed wetlands. Agent Hannon will be gathering more information.
- Discussion on conservation fees. Agent Hannon to research conservation filing fees.

Stormwater:

- Stormwater Bylaw revisions. Bylaw language required by EPA. A public hearing will be held after included Boards/Committees have met. Christopher Hopkins asked what would Town Meeting be voting on? Agent Hannon said adopting a new stormwater bylaw that EPA requires for MS4 permitting. The regulation is a local regulation which would require advertisement in a local newspaper, it does not go to Town Meeting. Discussion on tree cutting. R. Rezendes asked how long the stormwater permit is valid for? Agent Hannon said it's a one- time permit with the applicant following the maintenance plans and staying in compliance. Chairman Rocha asked as of now we are not in compliance? Agent Hannon said we are in compliance unless we do not submit our annual report on time.
- Stormwater Regulation – The regulation in effect is from 2007.
- Rep-Weld – 734 Main Street – Engineer is requesting to be on the April 13, 2022 agenda. Agent Hannon will add them to the agenda.
- Deep Brook Estates – off Park Drive – Agent Hannon spoke with Mr. Castelo who is now the owner of Deep Brook Estates. Agent Hannon said he needs a stormwater permit. No reply.
- CVE North America 88 Wing Lane – Agent Hannon along with Engineers will be at the site tomorrow to do a wet test. They will not be able to meet the stormwater standards, infiltration problems.

Agent Updates:

ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act funds regarding stormwater can be used at the DPW yard for improvements.
Budget still moving forward with change requests.

Public Meeting adjourned at 6:40 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:

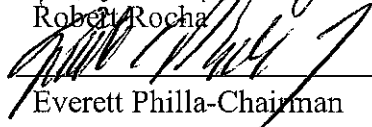


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Minutes Approved:



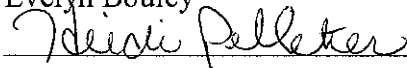
Robert Rocha



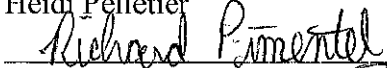
Everett Philla-Chairman

absent

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Richard Pimentel


Ryan Rezendes

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Paul Valente

Date signed: May 25, 2022

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