



**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**

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Acushnet Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
And  
Continuation of Public Hearing - Moniz Estates  
And  
3 Solar Special Permits and 3 Site Plan Reviews Signings -  
355 and 330 Main Street  
And  
588 Middle Road

2019 JAN 17 PM 4:45  
SHAW-WALKER

January 17, 2019

Open: 6:30 pm

Adjourn: 7:37 pm

Present: Marc Cenerizio, Chairman  
Rick Ellis  
Mark DeSilva, Sr.  
Bryan Deschamps

Henry Young, Planner

Absent: Phil Mello

Issue: A motion is made to open meeting.  
So moved: B. Deschamps  
Second: M. DeSilva, Sr.  
Vote was 4 for, 1 absent.

Issue: A motion is made to accept regular meeting minutes and executive meeting minutes of 12-13-18.  
So moved: R. Ellis  
Second: B. Deschamps  
Vote was 4 for, 1 absent.

All minutes are on file in the Planning office, 130 Main Street, Parting Ways, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Issue: Vouchers were signed. They are on file in the Planning office and in the Finance Department, 122 Main Street, Town Hall.

Issue: Mail was reviewed, and is attached to these minutes.

Issue: The signing of the solar special permits and the site plan reviews for 355 Main Street, 550 Main Street and 588 Middle Road were signed after being held by the Town Clerk for appeal.

Issue: Continuation of Public Hearing – Moniz Estates – Dan Moniz – Jeff Tallman, SITEC

A motion was made to open the continuation of the Moniz Estates public hearing.

So moved: R. Ellis

Second: B. Deschamps

Vote was 4 for, 1 absent.

Also present were Dan Moniz, owner, and Jeff Tallman, SITEC.

Since last appearing, the applicant has met with the Board of Selectmen. The layout has not changed, but there has been a change to the detention basin which was over-designed. The basin is now smaller. The elevation was lowered in a few spots by 3 inches. The Selectmen requested a rotary be part of the layout at the end of Allison Drive on Blaise Drive (soon to be Margaret Street) because they were concerned about traffic flow. Commenting on the drainage related stormwater collection areas, it was suggested that regrading might help. It was also suggested that a change to the riprap pads could be extended to ensure that the bank on the left side would not deteriorate from the heavy discharge from the pipe. Another suggested change was to the thickness of the binder coat from 2" to 2 1/2".

The applicant formally asked for a waiver of the requirement for sidewalks, which the Selectmen want to be built on both sides of the road. The Subdivision Rules and Regulations of Acushnet requires a single 5 foot sidewalk on only the left side of this type of road. The Board notes that there are no sidewalks within a mile and no connecting sidewalks in the vicinity.

The peer review of the project is being done by George Mello of S.W. Cole.

The developer would like to connect to Maura Drive, a paper street in the Hathaway Farms subdivision, in order to provide another egress and to loop the water main to increase the pressure.

Henry Young states that the developer should meet with the street naming committee within the next week in order to change Blaise Drive to Margaret Street before the next meeting of the Planning Board.

Rick Ellis suggests that the rotary at the end of Allison Drive be elevated with fill from the development and plantings should be put in place to block headlights from hitting the existing homes.

An abutter on Blaise Drive, Joanne Demers, questions whether the developer will be bringing in a natural gas pipeline, as her home is propane and she would like the opportunity to hook into natural gas if available. The developer will be speaking with the gas company and this will be reviewed at a later meeting of the Planning Board.

Rick Ellis asks how big the rotary is planned to be. Jeff Tallman from SITEC states that it will be 20.5 feet.

An unidentified abutter from Margaret Street asks if dump trucks and other vehicular traffic will interfere with existing school bus stops in the neighborhood, as it could be dangerous for all concerned. Owner Dan Moniz answers that just for construction, he would like to keep a gate and start at 8am with construction vehicles, after the last am bus pickup.

Henry Young says the Water Commissioners need the water statistics, and Rick Ellis asks if they will have the results of the water testing for the next meeting of the Planning Board.

Rick Ellis speaks about the Selectmen's request for sidewalks and asks if it makes any difference to the abutters who are in the audience. He further asks if the Selectmen want a sidewalk, who will be liable for injury or damage to or on the sidewalks until the Town accepts the layout? At this point, an abutter named John says, "I think building sidewalks would be disruptive." Rick Ellis continued that it is the Board of Selectmen and the Building Inspector who want the sidewalks; Planning has always granted waivers for sidewalks. He states he is not against building sidewalks, but until the layout is accepted by the Town, the homeowners are responsible for maintenance, upkeep, and liability of the sidewalks and he would like all concerned to consider the implications of this. If Acushnet had a good system of sidewalks in town, he would understand the need for sidewalks in this particular development, and he would like to know whose responsibility it will ultimately be to maintain them.

A motion is made to continue the public hearing to 6:45 at the next meeting of the Planning Board.

So moved: M. DeSilva, Sr.

Second: B. Deschamps

Vote was 4 for; 1 absent.

Mr. Cenerizio sets the next meeting for February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, at 6:30pm.

Issue: 88 Wing Lane Application for Renewal of Solar Special Permit and Site Plan Review – Applicant CVE North America – Asa Smith, Engineer

This is to present an approved solar array that needs to be approved again. The development has new owners and the time for continuation has run out. It is for a 2-megawatt solar array. They need a public hearing, which is set for February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Rick Ellis asks if there is a provision for storage of energy. He also asks if they have an interconnective permit with the electric company. Asa Smith answers that they are working on those issues.

Asa Smith asks if the Board wants to see new plans. Henry Young says that the plans must show the storage unit(s) but that this may be added to the existing plans already drawn up, as this is a small modification issue. Asa Smith asks what time the public hearing will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> and is told it will be at 7:15pm.

Issue: Signing of Deep Brook Estates Definitive Subdivision Plans was incomplete. Therefore, the members needed to sign were later directed to report to the Town Clerk's office to complete the signing process. Thank you Marc, Mark, and Bryan.

Issue: Planner Update – Henry Young

Mr. Young reports on the subdivision projects he has been reviewing with KP Law's Jon Eichman:

- Name change
- Water pressure issues
- Maura Lane

Issue: A motion is made to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm.  
So moved: M. DeSilva, Sr.  
Second: R. Ellis  
Vote was 4 for, 1 absent.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna M. Ellis