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**Acushnet Planning Commission Meeting & Public
Hearing Minutes for June 15, 2023**

Open: 6:32pm
Adjourn: 7:28pm

Present: Mark Francois, Chairman
Rick Ellis, Vice Chairman
Bryan Deschamps, Member
Dave Davignon, Member (via Zoom)
Steve Boucher, Member

Issue: The Chairman welcomes those in attendance and makes the media notification

Issue: A motion is made to open the Planning Board meeting.
So moved: S. Boucher
Second: R. Ellis
Vote was 5-0

Issue: The Chairman asks the Board Members to introduce themselves

Issue: A motion is made to accept the May 11, 2023 meeting minutes.
So moved: S. Boucher
Second: E. Ellis
Vote was 5-0

DISCUSSION/OTHER TOPICS:

Issue: Right of First Refusal, Assessor's portion of Map 8 Lot 25E and a portion of Map 8 Lot 25F. On May 1, 2023 the Board of Selectmen received a notice from the owner in regards to the sale of a portion of Perry Hill Road, Map 8 Lot 25E and a portion of Map 8 Lot 25F as filed in the Bristol County Registry of Deeds in book 3331, page 298. The vacant land containing approximately 7+ acres and being shown as lots 2 & 3 on plan book 184 page 49. The Board of Selectmen requests the Board's recommendations.

The chairman, Mark Francois, recused himself from this discussion and was not present in the room during the discussion and vote.

Rich E. notes that this property is Chapter 61A and the town has right of first refusal.

Issue: A motion is made to not recommend the purchase of this land to the Board of Selectman.
So moved: B. Deschamps
Second: S. Boucher
Vote was 3-0
(2 abstentions) M. Francois
D. Davignon

Issue: New Town Decommissioning Bond-Developed by Town Counsel

The Board made an advisement to the town treasurer that they are in agreement with this decommissioning bond developed by town counsel.

Issue: **Solar Special Permit Extension Request;** 540R Main Street, Acushnet MA. The engineer is Atlantic Design Engineers. The plans and accompanying documentation are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, Parting Ways Building, 130 Main Street 1st floor, during regular business hours.

Ed Switzer from Atlantic Design Engineers has joined the meeting via zoom. The proponent wishes to extend their special permit by 2 years. Ed S. states that they have been working with Eversource for their interconnection permit. Ed S. notes that Eversource has changed from an intermittent system to a battery storage system. Ed S. is seeking that the board extend their permit while Eversource determines their interconnection issue. Discussions with the proponent revealed that they have not satisfied issues with the conservation commission and have not requested an NOI. Dave D. expressed his opinion that because the proponent may not get an interconnection agreement with Eversource possibly until four years from now he doesn't see why the board would grant a special permit extension at this time. It is his opinion that when they get their interconnection agreement they should come back to the board requesting a new special permit. Discussion ensued regarding wetlands determinations on the site plans. There seems to be some ambiguity as to whether or not they are in a position to request a building permit.

Issue: A motion is made to continue this discussion of a special permit extension request for 540R Main Street to July 13, 2023. The board will request clarifications from Conservation, Building And Town counsel.
So moved: S. Boucher
Second: B. Dechamps
Vote was 5-0

Issue: A motion is made to adjourn the meeting.
So moved: R. Ellis
Second: S. Boucher
Vote was 5-0

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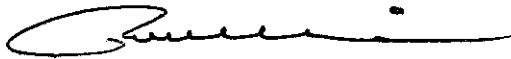
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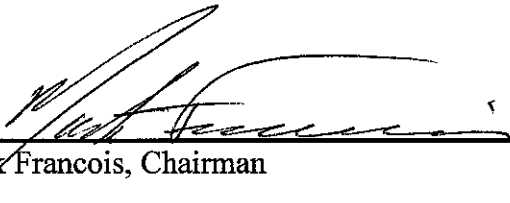
Paul Sullivan
Administrative Assistant



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9-20-23

Date



Mark Francois, Chairman

8/10/23

Date