

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
MASSACHUSETTS**



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**Acushnet Planning Commission Meeting & Public  
Hearing Minutes for January 11, 2024**

Open: 6:02pm  
Adjourn: 6:32pm

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

Absent: Rick Ellis, Vice Chairman

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: B. Deschamps  
Second: S. Boucher  
Vote was 4-0 roll call (1 absent)

Issue: The Chairman asks the Board Members to introduce themselves

Issue: A motion is made to accept the meeting minutes of December 7, 2023  
So moved: D. Davignon  
Second: B. Deschamps  
Vote was 3-0 roll call (1 absent & 1 absent from 12-07-23 meeting)

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**1. DISCUSSION/OTHER TOPICS:**

- A. CVE North America Solar Array's on Wing Lane, Acushnet. Review of Decommissioning Bonds, updated Peer Review decommissioning costs and conversion from Cash Sureties to Bonds. Rockett Solar, LLC, CVE US E11 Torpedo, LLC and Sunrise on Wing Lane, LLC.

The Chairman notes that the Town Administrator has approved each of the decommissioning estimates performed by peer review Engineer, Field Engineering for Rockett Solar LLC, CVE US E11 Torpedo, LLC & Sunrise on Wing Lane, LLC. The Chairman summarized the estimates for the Board members. Steve B. asks about who is responsible for the bond agreements and the Chairman notes it is the Town Administrator and Town Treasurer. Bryan D. asks if these are separate from the screening sureties in place and the Chairman notes they are separate from the decommissioning agreements. Dave D. wondered why the original agreement was a cash surety

and the Chairman notes he was not on the Board at that time and could not recall why. Note from the Clerk: At the time the original cash sureties were put in place the Town was not accepting Bonds for decommissioning projects.

Issue: A motion is made to accept the release of the Cash Surety of \$50,000 in lieu of substituting a 20-year bond of \$82,000 for the CVE US E11 Torpedo, LLC solar project.

So moved: D. Davignon

Second: B. Deschamps

Vote was 4-0 roll call (1 absent)

Issue: A motion is made to accept the release of the Cash Surety of \$75,000 in lieu of substituting a 20-year bond of \$103,000 for the Rockett Solar, LLC solar project.

So moved: D. Davignon

Second: S. Boucher

Vote was 4-0 roll call (1 absent)

Steve B. questions why of the three project LLC's only one has the CVE title in it. Suraj, from CVE, is on via Zoom and states that all three of the LLC's are owned by CVE North America.

Issue: A motion is made to accept the release of the Cash Surety of \$132,000 in lieu of substituting a 20-year bond of \$424,000 for the Sunrise on Wing Lane, LLC solar project.

So moved: D. Davignon

Second: B. Deschamps

Vote was 4-0 roll call (1 absent)

The Chairman notes that an e-mail was sent to the Planning office earlier today by CVE requesting that the bond amounts be on a 1-year basis as opposed to 20 years. The Chairman states that the Town does not accept one-year bonds.

## 2. **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman updates the other Board members regarding an upcoming Public Hearing for a Definitive Subdivision Plan for 39 Keene Road on January 25, 2024. The Public Hearing notice will be published in the local paper for two consecutive weeks. The Chairman summarized the project narrative

Issue: A motion is made to adjourn the meeting.

So moved: B. Deschamps

Second: D. Davignon

Vote was 4-0 roll call (1 absent)

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Respectfully submitted,

Paul Sullivan  
Administrative Assistant

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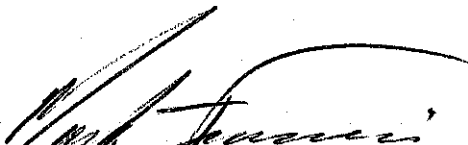
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Date



Mark Francois, Chairman

1/25/2024

Date