

TOWN OF ACUSHNET
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**Acushnet Planning Commission Meeting & Public
Hearing Minutes for April 25, 2024**

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Open: 6:00 PM
Adjourn: 6:44 PM

Present: Mark Francois, Chairman
Bryan Deschamps, Member
Peter Giampa, Member

Absent: Rick Ellis, Vice Chairman
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: B. Deschamps
Second: P. Giampa
Vote was 3-0 (Two Absent)

Issue: Is there is a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2024
So moved: B. Deschamps
Second: P. Giampa
Vote was 3-0 (Two Absent)

Issue: Is there is a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2024
So moved: B. Deschamps
Second: P. Giampa
Vote was 3-0 (Two Absent)

Issue: Is there is a motion to open the Public Hearing for the Stormwater Management Bylaw.
So moved: B. Deschamps
Second: P. Giampa
Vote was 3-0 (Two Absent)

1. PUBLIC HEARING

This meeting is held in accordance with Chapter 40A, Section 5, to consider the following warrant article: To see if the Town will vote to delete all present language of Article IX, Stormwater Management Bylaw of the Town of Acushnet, General Bylaws, and replacing said Article in its entirety with new language. The accompanying documentation are available for

inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, Parting Ways Building, 130 Main St. 1st Floor, during regular business hours.

The chairman reads the article summary. The chairman notes that several Town Board Chairman met to review the details of the proposed Stormwater Bylaw. The Conservation Commission Chairman, Ryan Rezendes and Kevin McHugh, Conoco Engineering were on via zoom and provided feedback to the Planning Board regarding the proposed bylaw.

Issue: Is there a motion to recommend the article to the Board of Selectman for the Spring Town's Meeting?
So moved: B. Deschamps
Second: P. Giampa
Vote was 3-0 (Two Absent)

Issue: A motion is made to close the Public Hearing portion of this meeting.
So moved: B. Deschamps
Second: P. Giampa
Vote was 3-0 (Two Absent)

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2. DISCUSSION/OTHER TOPICS:

- a. Robinson Road solar project construction work hours. Proponent has asked to extend the contractors work hours on Saturdays from 8-12 to 8-4. The special permit requirements are 8-12 for Saturday work.

Issue: Is there a motion to approve extended Saturday construction hours to May 25, 2024?
So moved: P. Giampa
Second: B. Deschamps
Vote was 3-0 (Two Absent)

- b. Robinson Road solar project screening. Since construction has begun an abutter came forward questioning the project screening. The abutter has notified the planning board that they will be in attendance at this meeting to discuss the project screening.

Kathy Massey comes forward and says she wouldn't be here if they were notified. The Chairman states he was not on the Board in 2021 when this first started. The Chairman states before this gets a final approval, he will have a final inspection done by the Building Inspector. He will make sure the trees are adequate. The Chairman also states he will make sure the trees that do get put in are the 25 ft trees. Another resident comes forward David of 50 Cushing Ln. David brings up all the other solar fields in town, they are set way back. The ones that are up against the road, there is a privacy fence around them so you're not staring at the structure. David asked is there any privacy that can go around the hard structure. Kathy and David are asking for a privacy fence along their side. Chairman states he is going to have Paul look into the files to see if the abutters Kathy and David received a green card. Chairman states whether he can go back to the proponent and asked them to change the fencing on the back half, since this was already approved. David asked if they refused, can he put up a fence? Chairman Francois has committed to looking into the notification of abutter issue and will approach the proponent on options for screening on the back half of the project.

3. CURRENT PLANNING:

Town Planner Update: None

4. LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Town Planner Update: None

5. OTHER BUSINESS: Any other business that may properly come before the Board, not reasonably anticipated when posting 48 hours prior to this meeting.

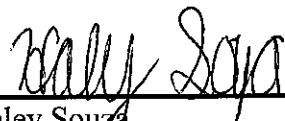
6. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2024

Issue: A motion is made to adjourn the meeting.
So moved: B. Deschamps
Second: P. Giampa
Vote was 3-0 (Two Absent)

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Souza
Senior Clerk


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Date



Mark Francois, Chairman

5/2/24

Date