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**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2023
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

Present: Ryan Rezendes, Chairman

Everett Philla

James Souza

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Christian DeSousa

Douglas Thomas

Eric DeBarros

Patrick Hannon, Agent

Joann DeMello

William Madden, G.A.F. Engineering

David M. Davignon, Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc.

Kevin Kelly, Acushnet Company

Absent:

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes for approval: E. Philla made a motion to approve the minutes from August 9, 2023.
H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Meeting Mail: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Certificate of Compliance – Paul Boucher & Nancy Durfee – 7 Morton Lane SE 001-0566

A Certificate of Compliance was filed by Paul Boucher & Nancy Durfee for property located at 7 Morton Lane, Map 14, Lots 15H & 17. The applicant proposes the improvement/construction of

a gravel roadway within an existing right of way, installation of associated drainage system, installation of proposed water main and construction of a residential dwelling with associated utilities, grading and driveway within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. Plan name is "Map 14 Lots 15H & 17 Morton Lane Existing Conditions Plan" dated May 25, 2021 revised August 9, 2021. Topographic as-built plan provided by Heureux Engineering, LLC, dated March 23, 2023. The Commission conducted a site visit on Saturday. C. DeSousa made a motion to issue the certificate of compliance contingent on the filing of the 2 letters regarding the project be filed with the amended order of conditions. E. DeBarros seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

D. Thomas made a motion to open the public hearing, E. DeBarros seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Public Hearing – RDA – Acushnet Company / 115 Manchester Lane, Map 11, Lot 25C.34.

A Request for Determination was filed by Acushnet Company for property located at 115 Manchester Lane, Map 11, Lot 25C.34. The applicant proposes tree clearing adjacent to the test fairway within the 100 ft. buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by William Madden of G.A.F. Engineering, Inc. Plan name is "Site Plan Showing Proposed Tree Clearing Limits" dated October 10, 2023. William Madden was present to discuss this project said the clearing that will take place is in a non-jurisdictional area. A piece of the property is priority habitat but is not in the jurisdictional area. Discussion ensued about how the tree cutting will take place. Mr. Madden stated no fill will be brought in and they are not removing any stumps – the surface will remain the same. Agent Hannon asked if they were thinking about any more tree cutting in the future? Kevin Kelly, said they have no plans for any more tree cutting. C. DeSousa asked about any intent to clear cut that area? Mr. Madden said no. K. Kelly said this project will increase the sunlight to the area. E. DeBarros asked about pruning as a possibility? Mr. Madden would have to speak with the specialist onsite. D. Thomas asked about the 20-foot gauge line? Mr. Madden said the turf manager chose this footage for improving growing conditions. R. Rezendes walked the property and agrees with the plans submitted. E. Philla made a motion to issue a negative determination. C. DeSousa seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

D. Thomas made a motion to close the public hearing, C. DeSousa seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Stormwater

Discussion on Hayes and Garfield Street – Robert Roderiques – David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. was present to discuss this project. The applicant plans to develop this himself; he is an excavation contractor and builds houses. Mr. Roderiques has been to the Board of Appeals for a special permit. Mr. Davignon explained the re-charge system that will be utilized on the project. Mr. Davignon stated the project is under 5000 sq. feet of impervious area, which falls under an exemption for peer review. Mr. Davignon said the plan includes a 12-foot retaining wall. This would need a Stormwater Permit. Chairman Rezendes asked if there is a critical area? potential wetland? Natural Heritage? Mr. Davignon said none of these. Discussion ensued about the project and the Stormwater Regulations. Mr. Roderiques spoke about the project and how it has come to fruition. E. DeBarros made a motion to determine the

project is exempt from Stormwater peer review. J. Souza seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-2. C. DeSousa and D. Thomas abstained.

Stormwater By-Law – Regulation – Agent Hannon updated the Commission about edits that were made removing the Conservation Agent as the Authority, the Commission would have the Authority. A sub-committee will be formed with the Planning Board and Kevin McHugh from Coneco will be involved.

Wetlands Enforcement - Agent Hannon informed the Commission that each individual can issue an enforcement order. Also, he would like to find someone to issue the Commission ID's instead of trying to get them issued thru the I.T. department.

Groundwater Protection Agent Hannon explained basins and high seasonal groundwater.

Agent Updates:

Certificate of Compliance Policy Discussion – Agent Hannon would like all of the application documents on the website. Joann has prepared them and will send them to the BOS for placement on the website.

E. DeBarros can we get the Stormwater map on the website? Chairman Rezendes asked about Kevin McHugh, could he help us?

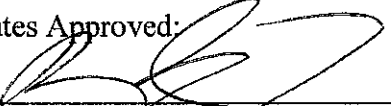
Public Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

A motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by C. DeSousa. The motion was seconded by E. DeBarros. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted:


Joann Meller
Acushnet Conservation Commission

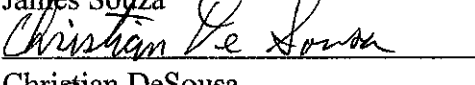
Minutes Approved:



Ryan Rezendes- Chairman


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Date Signed: January 24, 2024

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