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**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2023
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

Present: Ryan Rezendes, Chairman
Everett Philla
Heidi Pelletier
Christian DeSousa
Douglas Thomas
Eric DeBarros

Patrick Hannon, Agent
Joann DeMello

Jesse O'Donnell, Weston & Sampson Engineers
Cathy Murray, Lambert Street
Mark Morad, Park Drive

Absent: James Souza

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

Chairman Rezendes announced the Public Hearing for Stormwater – Robert Roderiques / Hayes & Garfield Streets will not be heard due to abutter notification address change. Next meeting will be held on November 29, 2023. The engineer will re-notify all abutters.

Minutes for approval: E. Philla made a motion to approve the minutes from August 23, 2023. C. DeSousa seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Meeting Mail: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Order of Conditions Extension Request – White’s Farm, Inc., Park Drive, Map 17, Lot 22B.13 SE 001-0553

– Applicant Sarah Hussain. A Request for an Extension to an existing Order of Conditions file # SE 001-0553 for property located at Park Drive, Map 17, Lot 22B.13. The applicant proposes to install a solar photovoltaic (PV) array consisting of 4999 kW and battery storage project within the 100 ft. buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. Jesse O’Donnell was present to discuss the project. Mr. O’Donnell requested a 2 year extension to the Order of Conditions. Mr. O’Donnell gave an overview of the project with the change of access road using Lambert Street. He stated all State and Federal permit processes are active. The Commission conducted a site visit on Saturday, Chairman Rezendes said only 3 wetland flags were identified. Agent Hannon said the main land has now been identified as priority habitat. Agent Hannon has reviewed the soil maps, the soils are bad across the bulk of this project. Stormwater was done by the Planning Board. Agent Hannon suggested getting a soil evaluator to determine the soils, Mr. O’Donnell did say the soils are poor – infiltration rate is low, the basins are acting as detention basins. Agent Hannon suggests to deny the extension, file a new Notice of Intent. Joann and Agent Hannon spoke with the circuit rider and received the reasons for denying the project. E. DeBarros asked about the delineation, how was it performed? Agent Hannon said the reports were not required at the time of this project. D. Thomas said they spent approximately 2 hours searching for flags, saw lots of habitat. Mr. O’Donnell stated the flags can be re-hung, Natural Heritage has issued a no-take on the eastern box turtle, they will hire a professional scientist for the turtle protection plan. Mr. O’Donnell spoke about test pits and design of the basins. Conditions cannot be added to the Extension Order of Conditions as per DEP. Mr. O’Donnell asked about amending the Order of Conditions – the Order of Conditions is set to expire on January 5, 2024. Cathy Murray would like to see the project reviewed properly, major watershed. Mark Morad spoke about Brooks Avenue, titled to the abutters, no trespassing signs have been placed. D. Thomas made a motion to deny the extension request. C. DeSousa seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

D. Thomas made a motion to open the public hearing. D. DeSousa seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Hearing – NOI – Andrew & Aryana Gomes – Tripp’s Way, Map 8, Portion of Lots 25, 25E & 25F. SE 001-0589.

A Notice of Intent was filed by Andrew & Aryana Gomes for property located at Tripp’s Way, Map 8, Portion of Lots 25, 25E & 25F – Subdivision Lot 2. The applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling, in-ground swimming pool and driveway, installation of a well, septic system and underground utilities, fill and grading with the 100 ft. buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented by David M. Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is “Sewage Disposal System – Site Plan” dated October 24, 2023; Revised Oct. 31, 2023. Mr. Davignon was present to discuss this project. Wetland line was delineated under the subdivision, majority of house is not in the buffer zone. Pool is in the buffer zone and proposing not to clear cut trees. Retaining wall is proposed to the south of the house. Pool discharge is about 95 feet from the wetlands. E. DeBarros made a motion to issue a positive order of conditions with the standard conditions along with waiting at least two weeks from the last chlorination before draining the pool water. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Stormwater

As previously stated no public hearing due to incorrect abutter notification address. Engineer will mail out new notifications.

Public Hearing – Stormwater – Robert Roderiques / Hayes & Garfield Street, Map 15, Lot 372. A Stormwater Permit Application has been filed by Robert Roderiques for property located at Hayes & Garfield Street, Map 15 Lot 372. The applicant proposes to construct four (4) residential homes with driveways and stormwater management facilities. The applicant is represented by David M. Davignon of Schnieder, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is Site Plan Village Green at Hayes Street & Garfield Street dated July 28, 2023.

Stormwater By-Law Discussion – discussion to next agenda.

Stormwater Regulation Discussion –Please send a copy of Regulation to Chairman Rezendes.

Agent Updates:

Massachusetts Soil Evaluator Class – Agent Hannon passed the test and is now taking the Title V class.

D. Thomas asked about the status of the ID's for the Commission. Chairman Rezendes said he sent the email, no reply.

Public Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

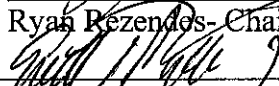
A motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by D. Thomas . The motion was seconded by H. Pelletier. Motion passed 6 -0.

Respectfully submitted:


Acushnet Conservation Commission

Minutes Approved:

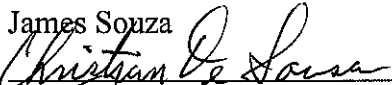

Ryan Rezendes- Chairman

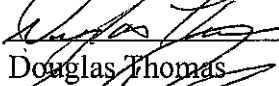

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Date Signed: January 24, 2024

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