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Town of Acushnet

Conservation Commission

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Ryan Rezendes, Chairman
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Patrick Hannon, Conservation Agent
Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk

**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 29, 2023
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

Present:

Ryan Rezendes, Chairman
Everett Philla
Heidi Pelletier
Christian DeSousa
James Souza
Eric DeBarros

Absent: Douglas Thomas

Patrick Hannon, Agent via Zoom
Joann DeMello

David M. Davignon, Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc.
Robert Roderiques, applicant
Frank Knox, resident
Chad, resident
Heidi Espinola, resident

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

Minutes for approval: None.

Meeting Mail:

Fairhaven Neighborhood News will not publish on December 21 and December 28, 2023.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

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Stormwater:

Zoom appointment with Kevin McHugh, Coneco Engineers & Scientists. Mr. McHugh cancelled due to illness.

E. Philla made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by C. DeSousa. Roll call vote: Heidi, Everett, Christian, James, Eric and Chairman Rezendes – Yes. Motion passed 6-0.

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 Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is Site Plan Village Green at Hayes Street & Garfield Street dated July 28, 2023. David Davignon was present to discuss this project and provided the green cards. Revised plans were presented to the Commission dated November 27, 2023. Revised plan updates are for the retaining wall, Mr. Davignon gave an overview of the project location and work to be performed. Deed restrictions regarding the 55+ are approved by the Board of Appeals thru a special permit. Driveways will be crushed stone. Retaining wall will run the length of the property, Mr. Davignon explained the water flow pattern and details of the retaining wall and swale. Agent Hannon said the project sounds good as long as it works. Chad 11 Hayes Street, said his yard floods, can you put a catch basin in – from Roosevelt to Hayes Street? Agent Hannon stated the storm drain is undersized. Pre-construction flooding cannot be attributed to the builder, Agent Hannon asked Mr. Davignon to explain the infiltration system. Mr. Davignon also stated a consultant that works for him has calculated pre & post rates of run-off. Frank Knox has a business on Garfield Street and 8 inches of water accumulates in front of his garage doors. Keri Williams, P.E. explained her calculations regarding this project, no more stormwater will occur. C. DeSousa asked based on calculations, this should be able to handle a 10- year storm. Ms. Williams said yes. No Zoom comments. Chairman Rezendes read aloud the Stormwater requirements. A Stormwater permit is needed, surety bond for maintenance to the Town is needed – Engineer can work out the figure and include it in the operation and maintenance plan. Mr. Roderiques asked where the money will go, the Treasurer will hold the surety. Agent Hannon said this is an EPA requirement. Agent Hannon will contact Andrew Bobola, Building Commissioner, send completed O & M plan to the Agent.

C. DeSousa made a motion to close the public hearing. E. DeBarros seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Heidi, Everett, Christian, James, Eric and Chairman Rezendes – Yes. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion:

Agent Updates:

MEPA – Park Drive Solar - Agent Hannon was on the MEPA call, the Order of Conditions has not been renewed. 4 abutters were on the call, very concerned about other wildlife. Concerns about stripping and grading the soils. 294,000 square feet of buffer zone will be given up with this project – Agent Hannon stated this was done during Covid via Zoom. Agent Hannon requested Commission members to send in comments to MEPA as the comment

deadline is December 8th. Heidi Espinola, Park Drive attended the meeting and stated her concerns about wildlife, flooding and her septic system. 3 abutting solar systems will impact this neighborhood. Also, mentioned that the Post Office was not delivering the mail properly especially during Covid.

Weed Abatement Lake Street – Scott Daggett called the office to inquire how to move this project along, Agent Hannon said he will speak with the New Bedford Conservation Agent, Chance Perks. Agent Hannon will forward Chance's email to Chairman Rezendes.

Public Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.


A motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by J. Souza. The motion was seconded by C. DeSousa. Roll call vote: Heidi, Everett, Christian, James, Eric and Chairman Rezendes – Yes. Motion passed 6-0.


Respectfully submitted:

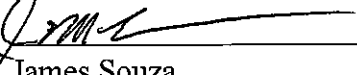

Joann DeMello
Acushnet Conservation Commission

Minutes Approved:


Ryan Rezendes, Chairman


Everett Philla


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Date Signed: February 15, 2024

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