Next Meeting 6/27/23 @ 5:00 I	- Annual Control	OPEN MEETING NOTES June 13, 2023	PLYMPTON BOARD OF HEALTH	
Place: BOH Off	Present/Absent		Present/Absent	
			Chair: Art Morin P	
Guests: Deb Anderson	P	P Health Agent: Kevin Forgue	Vice Chairman/Treasurer Harry Weikel, Jr.	
	P	Administrative Assistant: Cathleen Ferguson	Clerk: Jared Anderson P	
			TOPIC/AGENDAADDRESS	
FINDINGS/RECOMMENDATIONS		SUBJECT/DISCUSSION	ASSESSOR'S MAP - BLOCK - LOT	
Voted 3-0 to approve minutes.		Minutes of May 23, 2023	Call to Order 5:01 p.m.	
			OLD BUSINESS	
Applicant has requested extension of current septic permit.			Approved Septic Plans	
BOH member Jared Anderson recuses himself from board for		New Septic System	55 Elm Street (M16-B4-L2A)	
purposes of discussion on this case. Deb Anderson presents BOH				
with a letter & supporting paperwork & asks the BOH to consider				
this information when considering the request for extension of perm				
Due to the state's "Order Suspending State Permitting Guidelines				
and Extending the Validity of State Permits (COVID-19 Order				
No. 17"), the applicant does not need to request an extension, as the current permit is extended an additional 462 days to 9/10/24 the number of days the State of Emergency was in effect). The BOH w				
send a letter to this effect to the applicant and additionally mention				
that the BOH is aware that the Plympton Conservation Commission				
may determine a change in the current wetlands assessment that may				
impact the current approved plan or require a new plan.				
Plan approved; permit expires 4/12/24.		Repair of Septic System	4 West Street (M16-B3-L4)	
Plan approved; permit expires 5/10/25.		Installation of New Septic System	4 Brook Street (M16-B6-L17)	
Plan approved; permit expires 5/10/25.		Installation of New Septic System	West Street (M15-B1-L14A)	

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Approved Septic Plans		
123 West Street (M15-B1-L14B)	Installation of New Septic System	Plan approved; permit expires 5/10/25.
292 Main Street (M17-B4-L4)	Repair of Septic System	Plan approved; permit expires 9/13/25.
110 Center Street (M11-B2-L5)	Repair of Septic System	Plan approved; permit expires 9/13/25.
6 Soule Street (M23-B2-L5)	Repair of Septic System	Plan approved; permit expires 10/11/25.
17 Brook Street (M22-B1-L21)	Repair of Septic System	Plan approved; permit expires 11/8/25.
40 Prospect Street (M20-B1-L6	Repair of Septic System	Out for installation.
248 Main Street (M17-B2-L15)	Repair of Septic System	BOH was asked about the feasibility of tying the fire station
		into the library's system. After elevations were checked by the
		engineer, the 2% elevation that Title 5 requires could not be met.
		It is not physically possible.
Approved Plans/Out for Installation		
26 Grove Street (M1-B4-L16)	Repair of Septic System	Completed. Waiting for As Built. Contacted Installer.
Pending Septic Plans		
0 Maple Street (M7-B2-L29)	Installation of New Septic System	At Conservation.
226 Main Street (M12-B1-L8)	Repair of Septic System	Lot to be split, trailer to be removed.
0 Center Street (M11-B5-L12)	Installation of Septic System	At Conservation.
56 Main Street (M4-B1-L26)	Installation of Septic System	Waiting for plan.
105 Prospect Road (M23-B3-L16)	Installation of New Septic System	Waiting for revised plan.
77 Spring Street (M19-B1-L7)	Installation of New Septic System	Waiting for plan
129 Lake Street (M4-B4-L1)	Repair of Septic system	Waiting for plan.
159 Center Street (M11-B1-L7)	Repair of Septic System	Waiting for engineer to respond with corrected permit application
50 Maple Street (M7-B2-L11)	Dbox Replacement	Waiting for permit payment & installation.
0 West Street (M15-B1-L14)	Installation of New Septic System	Waiting for plan.

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3. OTHER		
157 Center Street (M11-B1-L5)	Housing Code Issues	Property currently vacant.
261 Brook Street (M14-B1-L29)	House fire. Property uninhabitable	Health Agent will inspect after repairs are made.
10 Mayflower Road (M17-B5-L13)	O'Hearn v. Town of Plympton	In litigation.
34 Lake Street (M3-B1-L1)	Numerous complaints about junk and vehicles on property	BOH and Zoning Dept. will send a request to Town Administrator
		asking for town counsel to review.
Fire Station	Septic Issues	Replaced jet toilets. No new issues.
5 Palmer Road (M17-B2-L16)	Public Water Supply	Update on existing well: Testing shows no PFAS. The water
		operator is waiting for sampling schedule from DEP. Update on
		proposed well: sent extensive information to Peter Dillon on June 2
		about current buildings and wells so he can begin to determine
		flow needed. Mr. Dillon stated he would check with Dan Pallota
		about status of expanded design plan from Grady Engineering.
50 Maple Street (M7-B2-L11)	Dbox Replacement	To be installed.
25 Oak Street (M1-B2-L8)	Failed Septic System	Waiting for septic plan.
55 Crescent Street (M7-B4-L1)	New Septic System	At Concom
56 Mayflower Road (M17-B5-L2)	Housing Complaint	Health Agent will follow up.
165 Palmer Road (M6-B1-L3)	Issues with illegal dumping of materials	Health Agent met with engineer to discuss proposed septic plan.
		Once changes are received, plan will go our for third party review.
30 West Street (M16-B3-L6)	Application for Perc Test	Waiting for proposed plan
0 Parsonage Road (M17-B4-L2A)	Application for Perc Test	Waiting for proposed plan

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4. NEW BUSINESS		
Perc Tests		
202 West Street ((M10-B1-L14)	Application for Perc Test	Perc test complete. BOH will review proposed septic plan after
DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY OF		it has been approved by the Conservation Commission.
131 Lake Street (M4-B4-L2)	Application for Perc Test	Perc test complete.
5. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES		
	Mail & Bills & Warrants for Payment	Mail reviewed; Warrants signed.
	Southern Plymouth County Public Health Excellence Collaborative	Food Inspection software will be provided to Plympton paid for by
		grant from Collaborative. The grant will also cover Plympton's
		tobacco inspections. Public Health Nurse gave a presentation to the
		COA.
	Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network (MAVEN)	No discussion.
	BOH Summer Meeting Schedule	BOH will meet on July 25 and August 22.
Failed Systems		
50 Forest Street (M1-B5-L8)	Failed per Title 5 Report (12-1-2017)	
58 Palmer Road (M11-B4-L4)	Failed per Title 5 Report (5-18-2022)	
B Elm Street (M17-B2-L7)	Failed per title 5 Report (5-31-2022)	
		Motion made and voted 3-0 to adjourn. Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

#### **Board of Health**

From:

deb whphexpress.com <deb@whphexpress.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 12:56 PM

To:

Cathy Ferguson

Cc:

Board of Health; Plympton Conservation

Subject:

55 Elm St

Attachments:

2022.03.14 Test Pit Location Plan - Elm St (1).pdf; elm\_st\_plan\_0 Webby Wetlands

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Delineation map.pdf; 55 Elm River Hawk Environmental plan showing our perc

results.pdf

#### To the Plympton Board of Health;

I see on the agenda for tonight's Plympton Board of Health meeting that William McClellan is once again coming before your board, this time to request an extension on his expired septic system permit. I ask that the board think carefully about this request. His permit has expired. If he would like to proceed, I ask that he be made to re-apply and perform perc tests under modern standards. His perc tests are from 1995 - 28 years old - and standards have changed since then.

I also request that the board consider these items while coming to a decision:

- 1. He fraudulently moved his test pit locations. This is shown on the attached map created by River Hawk Environmental, a firm my family has hired to represent us in this matter.
- 2. His test pits do not show a seasonal high-water table or soil mottling depths as required; his design is based on a water table as observed in June of 1995. Without considering the seasonal high-water table data in the system design, another fear is that he will build his system IN the water table. His design is for a system with a water table at 7 ½ feet, and without the high-water table information there is a high probability he will build a system in the water table, adversely affecting the groundwater, as well as a probability of early system failure.
- 3. There is year-round standing water in wetlands that are in very close proximity to his test pit locations up gradient from his alleged test pit locations
- 4. Test pits were performed earlier this year by my agent and observed by Plympton BOH agent Kevin Forgue adjacent to the proposed McClellan lot approximately 25 feet from his test pits and show a seasonal high-water level of 21". This is also shown on the attached map.
- 5. McClellan concealed/omitted wetlands from the BOH and Conservation Commission that were problematic to his building envelope/ SAS location. See the attached letter from Conservation Commission peer review agent Art Allen, whose reputation is well known throughout the industry. Attached is Allen's review of his visits to the site and a copy of the map he provided the ConCom, showing there is no suitable site for a septic system and questioning the site for his well.
- 6. McClellan characterized his new soil absorption system at 55 Elm as a repair to be considered for leniency for permitting and was granted multiple variances citing financial hardship. He then hired Arthur Bloomquist to perform a title 5 inspection on the existing SAS built in 1995 which passed. The repair was performed with the purpose of new development not repair.

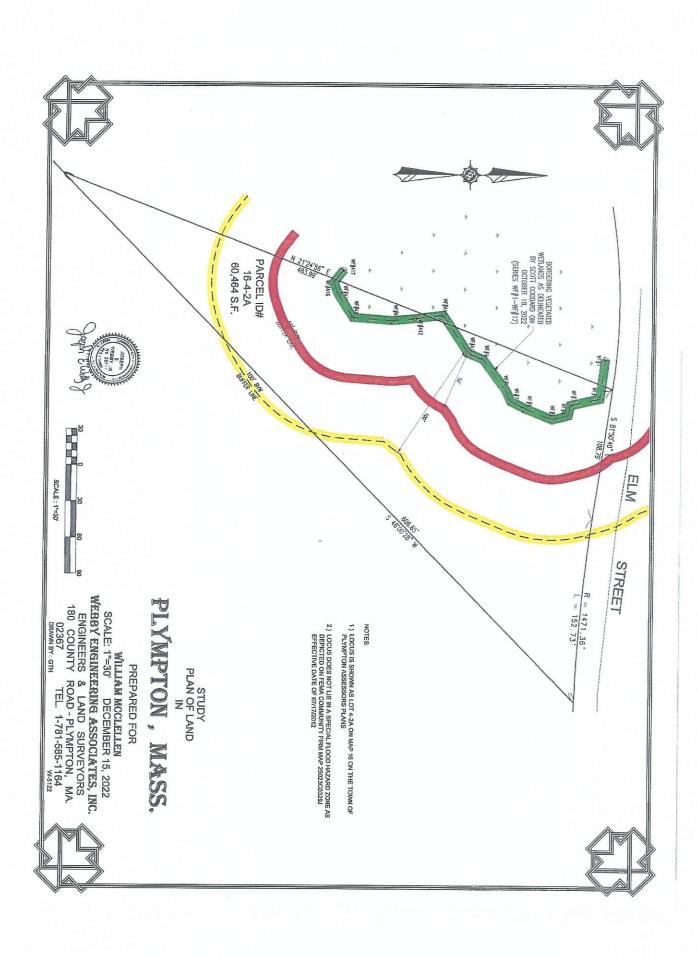
I think it would be prudent for the board to reject Mr. McClellan's request for an extension on his expired permit considering the recent discovery of omissions and misrepresentations, as well as groundwater protection.

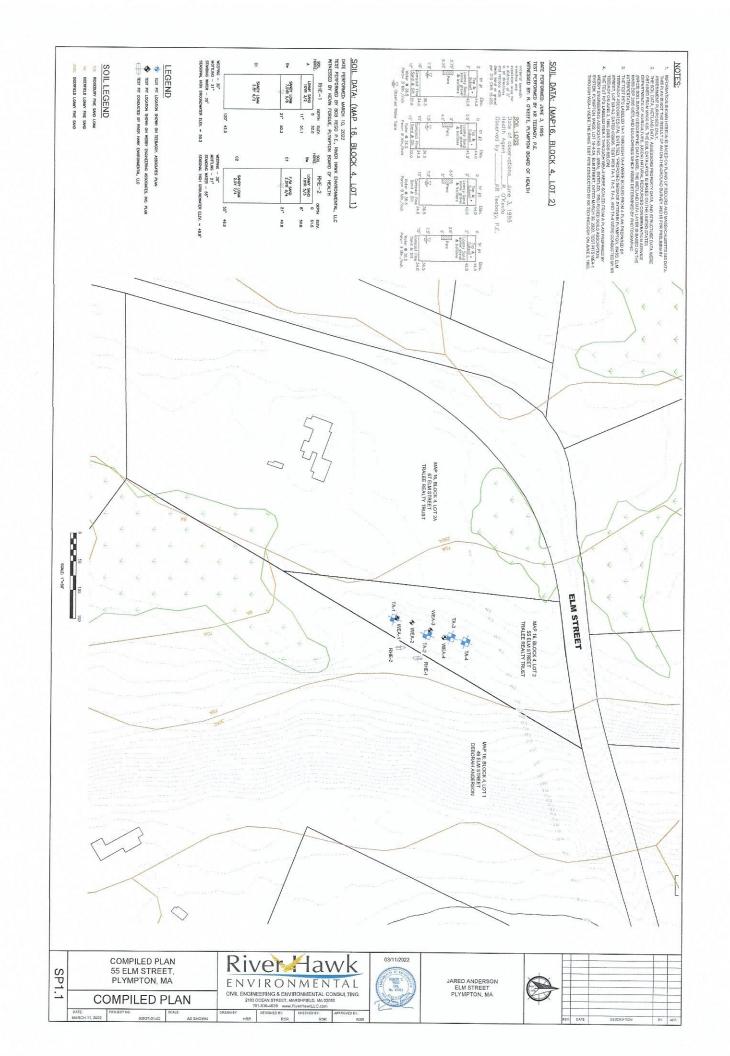
Thank you, Deborah Anderson 49 Elm Street Plympton, MA 02367 deb@whphexpress.com 781-293-0420

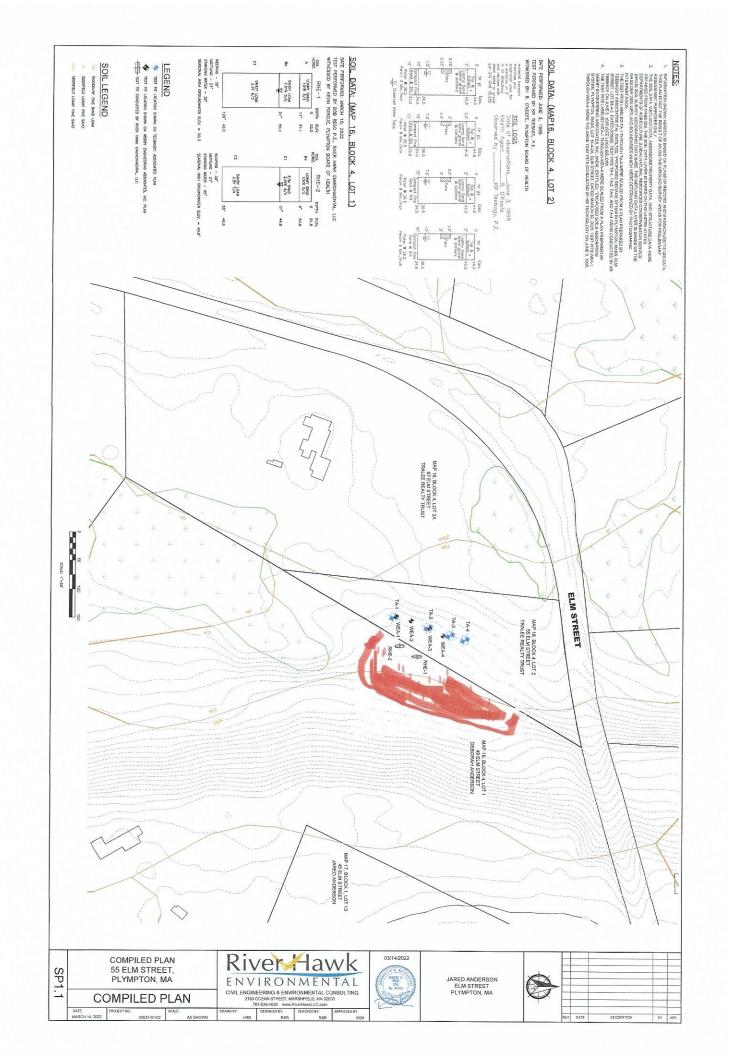
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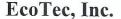
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### MEMORANDUM

Date: March 1, 2023

To: Plympton Conservation Commission

From: Arthur Allen, CPSS, CWS, CESSWI

**Re:** Wetland Peer Review Results – Parcel 16-4-2A Elm Street, Plympton, MA (DEP File #266-0232)

Via E-Mail page 1 of 3

I have reviewed the Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) and associated, revised documentation and have performed two site visits. Below you will find my comments and recommendations (in **bold**) on the proposed project.

#### Documents Reviewed:

✓ DEP Wetlands NOI Project Information page;

✓ Notice of Intent WPA Form 4A with attachments under cover dated January, 2023;

✓ Study Plan of Land in Plympton, Mass dated December 15, 2022.

#### Comments & Recommendations:

- 1. The DEP Project Information web page did not provide any comments.
- 2. I visited the site on February 24 & 27, 2023. During my February 24<sup>th</sup> visit I was accompanied by Nicole Hayes of Goddard Environmental. During this visit I also met with the abutter at 49 Elm Street. During my visit, revisions to the delineated wetlands were made. My preliminary comments were summarized in emails to the Conservation Commission dated February 24 & 27, 2023.
- 3. I verified Bordering Vegetated Wetland flags A1 to A17 as being accurate based on soils and vegetation. I also noted an additional vegetated wetland that extends onto the property from upgradient to the southeast. This additional wetland was historically disturbed by clearing of vegetation and light grading. At the time of my inspection, the additional wetland had discontinuous ponding, saturation, hydric soils and largely herbaceous wetland vegetation. Pink flags GC100 to GC115 were added to delineate this additional wetland. During my

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second visit to the site, I used a handheld GPS to find the southwesterly corner of the site where I noted a highbush blueberry shrub swamp-type wetland, with hydric soils, extending onto the site from the southeast. I added blue flags E-1 to E-4 in this area. A previously flagged wetland was noted, within 100-feet, across Elm Street. The additional wetland areas are roughly depicted on the attached plan sketch. These wetlands should be survey located and depicted on a revised site plan for review.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Please let me know if you have any questions.

AA/Monitoring/Plympton 16-4-2A EcoTec Review Memo 3\_1\_2023

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Kevin Forgue, Agent Plympton Board of Health Town Hall 5 Palmer Road Plympton, Mass.02367

May 31, 2023

RE: #55 Elm Street

Dear Mr. Forgue, and Plympton Board of Health Members

On behalf of William McClelland, I would like to request a one year extension to the "Application For Disposal System Construction Permit", that was issued by the Board on June 3, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Respectfully;

Webby Engineering, Inc.



# Town of Plympton

## BOARD OF HEALTH

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June 15, 2023

Joseph Webby, Jr. Webby Engineering, Inc. 180 County Road Plympton, MA 02367

RE: 55 Elm Street, Plympton, MA (M16-B4-L12A)

Dear Mr. Webby:

Regarding your letter of May 31, 2023 asking for a one year extension to the Application for Disposal Construction Permit #1259 on behalf of your client William McClelland, the Board of Health has determined that the *Order Suspending State Permitting Guidelines and Extending the Validity of State Permits (COVID-19 Order No. 17)* which was signed by Governor Baker on March 26, 2020 applies in this case.

Therefore the permit is extended by that Order for an additional 462 days from the original date of June 3, 2023 (the number of days the State of Emergency was in effect) and no extension needs to be given by the Plympton Board of Health.

The Board of Health is aware that the Plympton Conservation Commission may determine a change in the current wetlands assessment that may impact the current approved plan and will keep in contact with the Conservation Commission on this issue.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board of Health.

Sincerely,

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