



**Plympton Bylaw Review Committee**  
Minutes for September 2, 2021  
6:30 PM, Deborah Sampson Meeting Room

The meeting, having been duly posted with an agenda, was opened by Chair, Alan Wheelock at 6:34 PM.

**Present:** Alan Wheelock, Ann Sobolewski, Dave Alberti, Amy Cronin, Jean Cohen, Dominique Sampson

**Regrets:** Kim Russo.

1. **Minutes.** None were reviewed. We will still need to approve the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. **Informational Sheets – Update.** Alan and Ann met with Town Administrator, Liz Dennehy regarding the information sheet project. There are many towns that have frequently asked questions and information sheets, and there have been no lawsuits regarding information of this type. This information is designed to help the citizens. Legal text will be added to each of the information sheets that inform users that the sheets are for user information only, and not to be used in place of the official rules. Dominique will send the most recent updates of each sheet.
3. **Future BLRC projects prioritized.**
  - a) Groundwater Protection Bylaw (Alan and Dominique). We can get help free from Bill Napolitano of SRPED. Either Rehoboth or Dighton have come up with an overlay district that we could use as a model. The potential threats to everyone's property value if anything were to happen to the groundwater makes this a crucial project. There is no backup plan if the aquifer were to become polluted. Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) and MA Audubon has already identified the land that needs to be protected and preserved to ensure the quality of the water; most of it runs by the Winnetuxet River (western Plympton).
  - b) Dog Kennels (Ann and Jean). Currently there's a conflict in the rules regarding kennels. There are questions about breeding, overnight boarding, etc. There's a state kennel law to review first.
  - c) Edits to Code (Dave and Ann). Discrepancies need to be addressed throughout the Bylaws and General.
  - d) Sprinklering 3000 ft<sup>2</sup> new dwelling units (Amy). Chief Silva agreed to come and talk to the Commission about a Bylaw (or rule) to require sprinklers for dwelling units above 3000 ft<sup>2</sup>. This would consist of a (for example) 200-gallon tank of water in the dwelling with a

pump. One educated estimate of cost is approximately \$1800 and would require only 2 sprinkler heads.

e) Solid Waste and Illegal Dumping Bylaw (Kim). There was a case of landscaping refuse being dumped on Center Street on a newly purchased 4-acre property bought by a resident of Plymouth. There were two dirt roads put into the property as well. Residents have seen large trucks entering with debris. It is thought that there was existing bylaw in the "Solid Waste" section that prohibited refuse from being dumped any distance from the road less than 60'.

**4. New BLRC Member.** Thanks were given to Ted Taranto who resigned from the Committee; he will be missed. We are seeking new interested members.

**Next Meeting:** The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, September 16th, 2021. The Committee's regular meeting schedule is the first and third Thursday of each month, starting at 6:30 PM.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Alan Wheelock at 8:00 pm. These minutes are respectfully submitted by Alan Wheelock.