



Plympton Bylaw Review Committee

Minutes for October 7th, 2021

6:30 PM, via Zoom and In-Person

The meeting, having been duly posted with an agenda, was opened by Chair, Alan Wheelock at 6:42 PM.

Present: Alan Wheelock, Ann Sobolewski, Dave Alberti, Jean Cohen, Kim Russo

Regrets: Amy Cronin, Dominique Sampson

Guests: Kevin Rafferty

1. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes from July 15th and September 16th were approved as written.
2. **Introduction of Kevin Rafferty.** Alan introduced Kevin Rafferty, resident of Winnetuxet Road, who was sitting in on the meeting to learn more about the work and goals of the BLRC. Alan also noted that he and Kevin had met earlier at Alan's house to discuss Kevin's interest in possibly joining the Committee.
3. **Informational Sheets – Update.** Alan reported that, as soon as Dominique has completed the updates on the By-law informational sheets created earlier this year by BLRC, they will be forwarded to the Town Administrator for implementation.
4. **Updates on subgroup work assignments.** Members of the Committee reported on progress that has been made by the five subgroups working on the following areas:
 - a. *Groundwater protection* – Alan and Dominique.
 - i. Alan reported that the Rehoboth groundwater protection by-law has been reviewed and looks as though it could provide good guidance for Plympton's development of a similar by-law. He provided the Committee with a short document entitled "Key Takeaways from Rehoboth Groundwater Protection District." He also noted that he has been in touch with Bill Napolitano, Watershed Coordinator of SRPEDD (Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development) and that Bill will be working closely with BLRC to help develop this new by-law. He has done the same previously for Rehoboth.
 - b. *Dog Kennels* – Ann and Jean.
 - i. Ann noted that inconsistencies between the General By-laws and the Schedule of Uses in our Zoning regulations has been causing confusion when the Town attempts to implement and manage dog kennel rules. She and Jean will be working with the Town Clerk, Town Administrator, and Animal Control Officer to straighten this out.
 - c. *Overall edits and clean-up to existing By-law document* – Dave and Ann.

- i. Using the screen and projector, Dave walked Committee members through the extensive number of suggested edits and corrections that he has developed – after a meticulous, line by line review of the Zoning regulations document. Ann noted that some, but not all, of the errors that have been discovered will require a Town Meeting vote to correct. Small typos and errors can be corrected simply by working with the Town Clerk and General Code (our digital by-law vendor) to clean them up. Ann stated that any correction that changes the meaning or intent of existing language will have to be approved by Town Meeting.
- d. *Sprinkler-ing 3000 Sq. Ft and above new dwellings* – Amy.
 - i. Amy has been working with Plympton’s Fire Chief on this issue. It’s not clear that this will result in a warrant article proposal – more to come on this one.
- e. *Illegal dumping* – Kim.
 - i. Kim is just starting to work on this issue.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, October 21st, 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 8:03 pm. These minutes are respectfully submitted by Alan Wheelock.