



Plympton Bylaw Review Committee

Minutes for November 4, 2021

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The meeting, having been duly posted with an agenda, was opened by Chair, Alan Wheelock at 6:35 PM.

Present: Alan Wheelock, Dave Alberti, Jean Cohen, Amy Cronin, Kim Russo, Kevin Rafferty, Dominique Sampson and Ann Sobolewski.

1. **Minutes.** The October 21st minutes were approved as amended.
2. **Informational Sheets.** Dominique incorporated the last of the changes and the information sheets were reviewed by the group as follows: Accessory Buildings, Site Plan Review, Signs, Single-family homes, and Commercial Vehicles. These will be submitted to Liz Dennehy for BOS consideration.
3. **Bylaws Online.** Our bylaws can be found at <https://ecode360.com/PL3845>, with work primarily being in the zoning bylaws, Section 300. On our information sheets, the following link goes to the same location: <https://www.town.plympton.ma.us/home/links/>
4. **Future BLRC projects.**
 - a) Groundwater Protection Bylaw (Alan and Dominique). No update this week. Alan thinks the Rehoboth Water District bylaws (enacted about 10 years ago) written by Bill Napolitano will be a great model. Next steps will include talking to various people in Rehoboth to inquire about how the regulation has worked. Specifically, their Town Administrator (if they have one), Conservation Commission and their Zoning Enforcement Officer. Has the Planning Board been asked to consider issuing a permit for this bylaw? It's meant to protect the purity of the drinking water. Work is ongoing.
 - b) Dog Kennels (Ann, Jean and Kevin). Jean Cohen reported informally after getting some information from Tricia Detterman, Town Clerk. The kennel information in the municipal section is contradictory to other sections. In the past, no matter where you lived in town, you had to have a license for a kennel. Then the Zoning Board made changes to the requirements based on where you live (which zone).

The second issue is that the Animal Control Officer, interested in dealing with dogs. Additionally, the BOS appointed four other people (some confusion around this point). There is no check on those with licenses.

There are questions about breeding, overnight boarding, etc. The team has reviewed the state kennel law on kennel licensing (but nothing on zoning). Apparently, there's a rule regarding "personal kennel" license that is for an individual with 4 or more dogs to save money on the dog licenses per MA law. Ipswich has a nice bylaw, according to Ann.

The group will check with K&P Law to see if there's already something developed or proactive guidance. It was suggested to go to the Town Administrator to ask for guidance on the issues.

c) Sprinklering 3000 ft² new dwelling units (Amy). This appears to be a more long-term goal. This will be for next year.

d) Solid Waste and Illegal Dumping Bylaw (Kim). No new report. As background, 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'. Kim will check with Town Counsel to see what Bylaw they used to send a cease and desist to the violator.

e) Edits to Code (Dave and Ann). So far, there are 23 pages with edits, including typos and punctuation; other changes have substance that will need further discussion. There were obvious typos like "govern-mental".

For the edits to be incorporated are in the process of being corrected by General Code. We will need to double-check the final product.

Alan will forward Ann's text found on the Cambridge MA site to the Town Clerk as a disclaimer on the website regarding the General Code document to be consistent with a multitude of towns.

Changes will be made to add terms to the Schedule of Uses. It appears we will have 5 warrant articles as a result of their work. There are 2 categories of changes (simple and more complex). The more complex: setback definitions, retreat lot access and retreat lots in general, parking regulations and clarification on trailers/mobile homes.

Kim will help with trailers; Amy will help with setback definitions; and Kevin will take retreat lots. Parking regulations will be done at a later time.

There will be a Word version of Section 300 distributed, and it is requested that suggested changes be made in track changes for BLRC review.

300-5.1 through 300-5-7 Setback definitions (Amy)

300-5.8 Retreat lots and retreat lots (Kevin)

300-6.3 Trailers/mobile homes (Kim); other towns' rules were discussed with handouts, specifically Middleboro, Westport (travel trailers on the beach) and Concord.

5. Parking Lot Items: Sprinklering houses greater than 3000 ft²; and parking regulations.

Next Meetings: The next scheduled meetings are Thursday, November 18th and December 2nd, 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 8:11 pm. These minutes are respectfully submitted by Amy Cronin.