



## **Plympton Bylaw Review Committee**

Minutes for December 2, 2021

1707 Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

The meeting, having been duly posted with an agenda, was opened by Chair, Alan Wheelock at 6:38 PM.

**Present:** Alan Wheelock, Dave Alberti, Jean Cohen, Amy Cronin, Kevin Rafferty and Ann Sobolewski

**Regrets:** Kim Russo and Dominique Sampson

1. **Minutes.** The November 18<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved as written.
2. **Board of Health Bylaw Change Proposal.** It was proposed to modify Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article II, to insert a new (D) to read as follows:

D. Board of Health violations. All regulations enacted by the Board of Health may be enforced through non-criminal disposition by Board of Health members or its designee(s). Violations shall be subject to a written warning for the first offense, and shall be subject to payment of the following fines:  
\$50.00 for 2<sup>nd</sup> offense  
\$75.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup> offense  
\$100.00 for 4<sup>th</sup> and all subsequent offenses

3. **New By-law update projects.** Updates from breakout groups include the following:

**a) Groundwater Protection Bylaw (Alan and Dominique).**

It was noted that Plympton has 13 pages of water protection and 64 pages long for the regulation. The subcommittee will review these materials and compare it to Rehoboth's groundwater bylaw.

**b) Dog Kennels, Chapter 132 (Ann and Jean).** We have an agreement with the Town of Carver that we share their Animal Control Officer. There is no entity that will inspect a property when a kennel is being proposed. It was questioned if the barn inspector (Brian Kling) could also inspect for kennels; he inspects 100+ pigs, cows, chicken coops, all animals, etc. It was discussed that Brian Kling noted that he didn't have the proper tools to perform the job (canine catching tools, tranquilizer gun and gun for injured deer, etc.). A job position with tools provided is needed. It's possible a student in the ag program or 4H could be a future candidate. This could be a project to pass on to the Town Administrator, Liz.

**c) Solid Waste and Illegal Dumping Bylaw (Kim).** No new report.

**d) Edits to Code (Dave and Ann).**

The minor changes were submitted to General Code. The major changes will be folded into a warrant article.

**Railroad area zoning.** Dave Alberti made note that there is a light industrial area along the railroad tracks in North Plympton. It was questioned if this zone should be changed to agricultural/residential to protect the residents in the area. We would need information about the legal description of that area to avoid having it surveyed. Dave spoke Allan Vautrinot and Wendy in the Assessor's office; Allan agreed that it should be rezoned. There didn't appear to be a reason they were zoned light industrial. The Town of Plympton is proposing to rezone the existing light industrial zone to ag/res. Do we need the legal description (coordinates, etc.) on the area in the warrant? We need to ask Town Counsel if we can just use the map or a legal description. Dave will check Liz to get permission to go to Town Counsel.

**300-5.1 through 300-5-7 Setback definitions (Amy).** Amy proposed definitions and regulations found in other towns. Amy will continue to review Wellesley and Concord's regs in sections 6.2.1 through 6.2.8. Section 6.2.10 has rules to avoid plants causing obstructions in the sight line when driving. Do the numbers still make sense? Where did they come from? What if there's a corner lot?

**300-5.8 Retreat lots and retreat lots (Kevin).** Kevin's work will continue. He will meet with the Board of Health as retreat lots are a BOH issue. Do they have any advice? Kevin will talk to Art Morin.

**300-6.3 Trailers/mobile homes (Kim).** No new report.

**4. Parking Lot Items:** Sprinklering houses greater than 3000 ft<sup>2</sup>; and parking regulations.  
Do setbacks apply to tennis courts, swimming pools – do they count as a structure?

**Next Meetings:** Since the meeting tonight is the only meeting in December, the next scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 7:50 pm. These minutes are respectfully submitted by Amy Cronin.