



Plympton Bylaw Review Committee

Minutes for April 21, 2022
Deborah Sampson Meeting Room

The meeting, having been duly posted with an agenda, was opened by Chair, Alan Wheelock at 6:32 PM.

Present: Alan Wheelock, Dave Alberti, Amy Cronin, Kevin Rafferty, and Arthur Kinsman

Regrets: Jean Cohen and Ann Sobolweski

1. **Minutes.** The April 7th minutes, submitted by Amy Cronin were approved as amended.
2. **Groundwater Protection Overlay District Bylaw.** Rehoboth is having the overlay district cover the entire town in their new bylaw to be considered soon. Their existing bylaw would be used as a model. First step is to understand Rehoboth's bylaw; second is to compare to other documents, including existing rules, ConCom Regs, wetlands protection, etc. (to ensure no conflicts); third would be to write the bylaw; lastly produce a brief presentation to Town meeting. The location would be in the Zoning Section 300, and is expected to be 3-4 pages. The next meeting will be dedicated to working on this bylaw. Alan will send Rehoboth's rules to the Committee.
3. **Planning Board.** On May 10th at 6:30pm, the Planning Board will have a hearing on sponsoring the Bylaw changes. It is recommended that our members attend.
4. **ZEO Compensation.** The letter was sent to the BOS, and we await their response. It worked out that surrounding towns pay their ZEO approximately \$30-\$40/hour, which if paid in Plympton would work out to less than 3 hours/week with the current pay structure.
5. **300-7.1 General provisions, Section (A)(1).** The sentence currently reads: "Front, side, or rear yards greater than the maximum required by this bylaw." Kevin questioned if the word "maximum" should be "minimum". Basically we think its saying if you want a yard that's outside the bounds of the bylaw, you need a special permit. This will be added to the parking lot items.
6. **Details of warrant articles.** Ann will need to clarify the varying terms "access area" and "roadway" in Articles 34 and 35.
7. **Parking Lot Items:**
 - Sprinklering houses greater than 3000 ft²; and parking regulations.
 - Do setbacks apply to tennis courts, swimming pools – do they count as a structure?
 - There are some zoning terminology changes (like light manufacturing versus light industrial which is supposed to be the same thing).
 - Animal Control Officer. 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.

- Solid Waste and Illegal Dumping Bylaw
- 300-6.3 Trailers/mobile homes
- Groundwater Protection Overlay District Bylaw (Alan and Dominique). After studying the current Floodplain and Watershed Protection District, Section 300-8.1 – highlighted by Ann Sobolewski at the February 17th BLRC meeting – Alan concluded that, before the Town can adopt the Rehoboth Groundwater protection language, it will be necessary to reconcile the existing Plympton regulations against the Rehoboth by-law. The amount of overlap - or even potential conflicts – has to be reviewed carefully before bringing this issue to the voters.
- Setback definitions in §300-5.1 through 300-5-7 (Amy)
- Bylaw to Promote Clear Marking of Driveways.
- Kennels
- Key Lock Boxes
- 300-7.1 General provisions, Section (A)(1) change “maximum” to “minimum”?

Next Meetings: The next scheduled meeting is May 5th and there will be no meeting on May 19th since the Town Meeting is May 18th. 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 Chair, Alan Wheelock at 7:37 pm. These minutes are respectfully submitted by Amy Cronin.