



## **Plympton Bylaw Review Committee**

Minutes for January 9th, 2020

6:30 PM, Large Meeting Room

The meeting, having been duly posted with an agenda, was opened by Chair, Alan Wheelock at 6:30 PM.

**Committee Members Present:** Dave Alberti, Jean Cohen, Amy Cronin, Ted Taranto, Ken Thompson, Alan Wheelock,

**Regrets:** Ann Sobolewski, Dominique Sampson, Kim Russo

**Guests:** None

1. **Minutes Approval.** The minutes for December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 submitted by Alan Wheelock were unanimously approved.
2. **Enforcement Concerns.** A letter was drafted to the Plympton Board of Selectmen to express concerns with the enforcement of zoning regulations (long term violations). It was noted that the towns citizens are seeming to shift preferring more enforcement to protect property and home investments. The basis for this opinion is that during the Special Town Meeting in December, over half the audience was made up of young families who seemed to take a keen interest in passing the solar bylaws. The Committee voted to affirm that we take an interest in enforcement, without being enforcers. The Committee voted to send the letter.
3. **Discussion regarding current status of the General Code Project.** General Code will have time to prepare a complete digital version of Plympton's Zoning By-laws document for consideration by May 2020 Town Meeting. Alan is concerned that there could be iteration or interpretation issues with the versions.
4. **HOMEWORK.** We need to compare 2018 to the 2019 issues over the next few months. Feel free to use the warrant from May as another resource.  
  
2019 was 56 in general and 85 in zoning for a total of 141 pages  
2018 was 53 in general and 71 pages in zoning for a total of 124 pages

Nine people would do 15-16 pages of review based on the 2019 pages; just note that it's different; something that's new (and you recognize and see the revision notes) and items that were in 2018 that inadvertently dropped out of the 2019.

Pages 1-15 of 2019 zoning code Alan Wheelock; Pages 16-30 of 2019 zoning code Amy; Pages 31-45 zoning code Ann; Pages 46 – 61 Dave; Pages 62 – 77 Dominique; Pages 78 – 85 in zoning and pages M1-M7 in the General Jean; pages M8-M23 Ken; M24 – M39 Kim; pages M40 – M56 Ted.

**Next Meeting:** The next scheduled meeting of the Committee will be Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and February 6<sup>th</sup>. Meetings are typically held every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Alan Wheelock at 7:26 pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Amy Cronin.