



Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Virtual Meeting – June 23, 2020

Held over Zoom Conference Call:

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Meeting ID: 880 290 1353

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Present: Board Members, Rick Burnet, Amy Cronin, Linda Leddy and Mike Matern; and Conservation Agent, Brian Vasa

Guests: Michelle Smith (potential new Commissioner), Kim and Gerald Davis (interested in 138 Center) and Brandon Smith (Borrego Upland Solar project)

Mr. Burnet called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm

1. Hearings. A statement was read by the Chair pertaining to virtual meetings. In accordance with Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, Section 17, all hearings have been automatically tolled and continued to the first hearing date of the Commission following the termination of the State of Emergency.

A plan for holding meetings during the duration of the State of Emergency was discussed. All meetings technically opened need to be continued. All will be continued until July 21st.

2. Hearings Continued. All hearings will be continued to July 21st. No testimony will be taken.

NOI Hearing continuation on 0 Maple Street - house construction 7:00 pm

NOI Hearing continuation on 399 Main Street - solar project 7:05 pm

NOI Hearing continuation on 0 Ring Road - Dunham Property - dual-use solar 7:10 pm

NOI Hearing continuation on 0 Ring Road - Correira Property - dual-use solar 7:15 pm

NOI Hearing continuation on 61 Upland Road - habitat enhancement project 7:20 pm

There was a request by Kim and Gerald Davis to have 138 Center Street be considered on the future agenda for a modification of the approved house plan.

Brandon Smith of Borrego asked to be on the agenda to get a 3rd party reviewer for the Upland Solar project.

3. Remote participation by Commissioners after Emergency. Brian Vasa will send a note to Liz Dennehy, Town Administrator to request that the Commission members be allowed to participate remotely when they are out of town.

4. Potential New Conservation Commission member. Michelle Smith has expressed an interest in being on the Commission. She has an interest in preserving and protecting the land and environment, and it's an opportunity to volunteer for the town.

5. Lake Street & Upland Road Conservation Restrictions (solar). Both projects have box turtles and went through the MA Heritage Program to protect the population. It was covered in the Commission's Order of Conditions. Upland is creating a habitat and Lake is protecting an existing habitat.

6. Work on Rt. 58 across from Sunrise Garden - Cell Tower location. It was noted that work is continuing on that property; a letter will be sent asking them to come into the Conservation Commission to discuss the work.

7. Warrants.

- A warrant was signed for Compact for Land Trust for \$720 for Jan 1-June 20, 2020;
- Prior to the meeting, a warrant was signed for reimbursement to Brian Vasa for \$517.86 from the NOI account.
- Another warrant was signed for Chessia Consulting Services, LLC for \$750.00, Chessia Consulting Services, LLC for \$500.00, Express Newspapers for \$42.00, James Engineering, Inc. for \$1,250.00, EcoTec, Inc for \$684.50 from the escrow account.

8. Building Permits. Prior to the meeting, Chairman Rick Burnet signed off on the following building applications:

- 10 Lemuel Cobb Road - above-ground pool
- 30 Thomas Blanchard Drive - above-ground pool
- 30 Thomas Blanchard Drive - deck
- 16 Trout Lane - above-ground pool, pool deck, and accessory building
- 40 Upland Road - shed
- 86 Ring Road - farmer's porch
- 111 Upland Road - 18x36 in-ground pool
- 96 Lake Street - 24X40 barn

For these applications, no wetlands were involved.

For one application, a 50x60 storage building on Old Farm Lane, M14/B1/L25B, the applicant was told they would need to submit an NOI.

9. Remaining Considerations (Parking Lot issues). The following are items on which the Commission still needs to act on or consider.

Carey Auto Property. The Commission sent the Building Department a request on June 21, 2018 to determine if sandblasting is occurring, and if so, if it is permitted. Sandblasting is a concern from a wetlands perspective as well. No response yet. A second email was sent from Amy Cronin on 9/17/19.

10. Lots on Prospect. The three parcels were sold and agreements were signed.

11. Regulations for Earth Removal Bylaw. The regulations will be drafted by Brian Vasa from earlier work from the Earth Removal Bylaw extracted by Linda Leddy and Amy Cronin.

12. NOI Registry and website. Brian Vasa has created a registry of all the NOIs in Plympton. This will really help the Commission to keep track to ensure all orders are kept. Brian is also reorganizing the website to make the Commission more efficient.

12. Minutes. The minutes from the April 21, 2020 meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting.

13. Next Meetings. The next scheduled meeting will be held on July 21st at 6:30 pm. If before that time an administrative meeting needs to be held, it will be properly posted. The typical meetings schedule (1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month) is temporarily suspended.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm by a motion from Mr. Matern and seconded by Ms. Leddy with unanimous approval.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin

