

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Virtual Meeting – January 19, 2021
Held over Zoom Conference Call: zoom.us/j/8802901353
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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: Peter Lyons of Collins Civil Engineering (20 Prospect Road) and Rebecca Lipton, abutter.

1. Call to Order. Mr. Burnet called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and the suggested statement was read that was prepared by KP Law:

“Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Plympton Conservation Commission is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order.”

2. NOI Hearing continuation on 399 Main Street - SE266-0208 - solar project. The applicants didn’t appear so the hearing was continued.

3. NOI Hearing on 20 Prospect Road - SE266-0217 - leaching field replacement. Peter Lyons of Collins Civil Engineering presented the plan. Rebecca Lipton, abutter wanted to make sure they stayed away from the wetlands, and was supportive of a new leaching field replacement. The project was unanimously approved. The Commissioners want to do a site visit to review the erosion controls, and Mr. Lyons will call us once the work begins.

4. Decision regarding Notice of Intent (NOI) for 0 Maple Street - house construction. The decision regarding denial was mailed out today and will be e-mailed tomorrow.

5. Senior Technical Consultant. The generic job description was reviewed for a Senior Technical Consultant. As background, MGL Part 1, Title VII, Chapter 44, § 53G funds can be used to hire a Technical Consultant (fees collected from applicant). This consultant would help with difficult projects, including review and write up the Commission’s decisions/orders. The Commission will meet with applicants virtually.

6. Bylaw Updates. Permitting fees were discussed, as well as other sections, comparing them to other similar towns.

7. Warrants. None.

8. Building Permits. None

9. Parking Lot issues. An inventory of the vernal pools in town will be created.

10. Minutes. The minutes from the January 5th and 12th meetings were approved as amended. Mike Matern abstained from voting on the January 12th minutes.

11. Next Meetings. The next meetings will be held on February 2nd and February 16th at 6:30 pm. The typical meetings schedule (1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month) is subject to be modified, and will be posted.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm by a motion from Mr. Matern and seconded by Ms. Leddy with unanimous approval.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin