

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Virtual Meeting – February 2, 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: Dean Smith, Borrego Solar

1. Call to Order. Mr. Burnet called the meeting to order at 6:40 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. Notice of Intent (NOI) Hearing continuation on 399 Main Street, Map 24, Parcel 3 & Lot number 1, SE266-0208 - solar project. The NOI Hearing originally scheduled for 10-22-20, 02-04-20, 04-07-20, 04-21-20, 12-01-20, and 01-05-21, is continued tonight. The continued public hearing is to consider a Notice of Intent, under the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c 131 §40 and the Town of Plympton Wetlands Protection Bylaw, General Bylaws Article XXVIII (Chapter 290 as updated in October 2020) from Plympton Main Street Solar, LLC for the property at 399 Main Street, The NOI is a proposal to construct a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic array.

Dean Smith reported that the plans are still being updated for the peer reviewer, particularly the storm water plan. The Conservation Commission raised the issue of the BVW area under the isolated wetland and asked the applicant to consider removing the panels from that area. The applicant said he would review that with his engineers.

The hearing was continued to March 2, 2021 at 7:01pm.

3. Warrants. There were 4 warrants approved totaling \$110.29 for 2 Express Newspaper ads, mailing expenses and Zoom subscription.

4. Building Permits.

60 West Street, 14 x 14 Pavilion. This was approved, as it isn’t within the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Act.

5. Permitting Fees. Comparisons were made of our fee structure versus other towns (Kingston, Duxbury, Marshfield, Norwell)

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

7. Minutes. The minutes from the January 19th meeting were approved as written.

8. Next Meetings. The next meetings will be held on February 16th and March 2nd 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 8:05 pm by a motion from Ms. Leddy and seconded by Ms. Cronin with unanimous approval.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin