

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Virtual Meeting – March 16, 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 and Matt Swansburg of Borrego Solar (399 Main); Alexandra Artiano and Buz Artiano of West Light Realty, and Kevin Grady of Grady Consulting (165 Palmer Road).

1. Call to Order. Mr. Burnet called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. 399 Main Street Notice of Intent (NOI) Hearing Continuation – Ground-Mounted Solar Array. The NOI Hearing originally scheduled for October 22, 2019, February 4, 2020, April 7, 2020, April 21, 2020, December 1, 2020, January 5, 2021, February 2, 2021, and March 2, 2021 is continued to Tuesday, March 16, 2021. The 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 Chapter 290 (previously Article XXVIII) from Plympton Main Street Solar, LLC for the property at 399 Main Street, Map 24, Parcel 3 & Lot number 1. The NOI is a proposal to construct a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic array

Dean Smith presented the project plans. The filing fees were discussed. They are still working with the 3rd party reviewer and should be able to present a final plan set, with the hopes of finishing up the next meeting. The hearing will be continued to April 6th at 7:01 pm.

3. 165 Palmer Road NOI Hearing – Two Light Manufacturing Buildings Construction. The 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 Chapter 290 (previously Article XXVIII) from West Light Development for the property at 165 Palmer Road, Map 6, Parcel 1 & Lot 3. The NOI is a proposal to construct two 7,500 square feet light manufacturing buildings, with parking lot, landscaping and site grading within the 100 ft buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

Kevin Grady presented the project plans for the landscaping contractor buildings to house equipment (vehicles). There will be no materials storage on-site. The 3rd party (EcoTec) reviewer identified a vernal pool, and they have no activity within 100' of that vernal pool. Plans for stormwater were reviewed, and John Chessia, a 3rd party reviewer will review this. There are 8 bays for equipment. They want the site to be beautiful aesthetically to be a showcase for their landscaping business. The hearing will be continued to April 6th at 7:02 pm.

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

5. Minutes. The minutes from the March 3, 2021 meeting were approved as amended.

6. Next Meetings. The next meetings will be held on April 6th and 20th 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