

**Plympton Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes of Open Virtual Meeting – May 18, 2021**  
**Held over Zoom Conference Call: [zoom.us/j/8802901353](https://zoom.us/j/8802901353)**  
**By Telephone: +1 646 558 8656**  
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**Present:** Board Members, Rick Burnet, Amy Cronin, Linda Leddy and Mike Matern; and Conservation Agent, Brian Vasa

**Guests:** Jeff Johnson (owner of 106 Maple Street); Carli Shroyer, Matt Swansburg and Dean Smith of Borrego Solar (399 Main Street)

**1. Call to Order.** Chair, Rick 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. 106 Maple Building Permit for Construction of Metal Storage Garage.** Jeff Johnson was asked why the two sets of plans (one was 2008 and another was 2020) had different wetlands lines. The wetland lines from 2020 were from the MassGIS DEP Wetlands map. They superimposed wetlands lines from a 2008 plan; it was noted that you can’t use a wetlands delineation that is more than 3 years old. The Commission informed Mr. Johnson that a new wetlands delineation must be performed near the proposed construction area before the Commission will consider signing off on the project.

**3. 399 Main Street Notice of Intent (NOI) Hearing Continuation – Ground-Mounted Solar Array (SE266-0208).** Carli Shroyer of Borrego Solar presented the changes to the project. They have worked with Gary James, 3<sup>rd</sup> party reviewer on the stormwater plan. As a result, there was more disturbance in the buffer zone and the fees will be increased. More landscaping trees were added, as well as a draining pipe. Ms. Shroyer reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> party reviewer is satisfied with the changes. Dean Smith requested to pay after the building permit was issued, but it was noted that the fee is due at the approval. The Planning Board hearing was delayed until June. The project was approved unanimously with a roll-call vote, and payment will be issued within a week.

Rick Burnet: Aye, Linda Leddy: Aye, Mike Matern: Aye, Amy Cronin: Aye

As background, the NOI Hearing was originally scheduled several times and continued until tonight. The prior scheduled hearings were for October 22, 2019, February 4, 2020, April 7,

2020, April 21, 2020, December 1, 2020, January 5, 2021, February 2, 2021, March 2, 2021 and March 16, 2021.

The public hearing was conducted 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.

**4. 165 Palmer Road Notice of Intent (NOI) Hearing Continuation – Two Light Manufacturing Buildings Construction (SE266-0218).** The hearing was originally scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> and was continued to May 4, 2021 and further continued tonight. At the request of the submitter, the hearing will be continued to June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:41.

**5. Enforcement Order – 57 Maple Street.** As background, the Commission was alerted to potential wetlands violations, as well as other potential zoning violations resulting in a cease-and-desist enforcement order. The Commission completed a walk-through of the property on Friday with the owners, Dyan and Abdu Nessralla. It appears that wood chips were throughout the wetlands area; the chips are approximately 5 inches deep. There is a large pile on the back of the property. Brian contacted the Department of Fish and Game, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, and was told that the wood chips could cause a lot of harm. There was also another driveway constructed along the pool perimeter. and continuing into the wetlands in the back of the property.

Brian researched the next steps, and they are as follows. The owner is required to hire their own professional wetlands scientist to delineate the wetlands (using soils analysis as a primary delineator), put the results on a plot plan and to quantify the wetlands disturbed. Then the Commission can verify that survey. Once a survey plan is agreed upon, the owner has to have an expert come up with a restoration plan within a certain timeframe. At that time, the Commission can accept the plan or require a 3<sup>rd</sup> party review. These steps would be in the enforcement order that will be sent to the owners.

**6. Building Permits.** It was discussed that before the plans are signed-off, Brian will look at the MapGeo to advise if it appears there are wetlands on the property.

**a.** 24 Palmer Road for a 30' x 60' electronic plans were submitted to see where the barn was being located. It was approved since there were no wetlands in the project area.

**b.** 20 Prospect for a home renovation was approved since there are no wetlands in the area of interest; new plans were submitted that contained color-coordinated markings for the wetlands.

**7. Warrants.** It was unanimously agreed to sign the vendor warrant to purchase a legal -lateral file cabinet, printer ink and printer paper.

**8. Parking Lot issues.**

**a.** An inventory of the vernal pools in town will be created; add the last few years of annual reports to the website.

**b.** Create a checklist of best practices for flood plain management.

**9. Minutes.** The minutes from the May 4, 2021 meeting were approved as amended.

**10. Next Meetings.** The next meetings will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The typical meetings schedule (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month) is subject to

be modified, and will be posted.

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