
Plympton Conservation Commission

Minutes of Open Virtual Meeting – November 2, 2021

Held over Zoom Conference Call: zoom.us/j/8802901353
By Telephone: (646) 558-8656 or (301) 715-8592 or (720) 707-2699
Meeting ID: 880 290 1353
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Present: Board Members, Rick Burnet, Amy Cronin, Linda Leddy and Conservation Agent, Brian Vasa

Not Present. Mike Matern

Guests: Jerry Davis (138 Center Street) and abutter Scott Bonome; and Scott Fanara of Grady Consulting (47 Mayflower),

1. Call to Order. Chair, Rick Burnet called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

2. 47 Mayflower NOI Hearing Continuation Single Family home SE266-0219. A third-party reviewer, Art Allen of EcoTec reviewed the wetlands delineation and made some changes. There were concerns for the driveway and wetlands crossing to access the rear portion of the lot, in addition to the location of the well. There were neighborhood concerns expressed about the driveway causing water retention; Mr. Fanara noted that the gravel driveway helps that, and the house is a lot further back. A second peer review was completed by Andrea Langhauser and those comments have not been reviewed yet. The hearing will be continued to November 16th at 6:41 pm.

3. 138 Center Street Enforcement Order. Based on Commissioner Burnet's observations from the road, it appeared that there was continued cutting in the wetlands, and approximately 100' of a required fence was removed as well as the driveway markers, parking in no-access areas, debris in the riverfront area. The violations were outlined by Brian Vasa. When they were contacted by phone, Jerry Davis told Agent Brian Vasa that he would not cease and desist until he got a formal letter. Mr. Davis told Brian Vasa that he would not allow access to the property.

This is the second violation; the first was when cutting was done in the wetlands, and the owners noted that it was a contractor, and it wouldn't happen again.

The violations and the remedies in the letter were read by Brian Vasa. The resident, Jerry Davis noted that the markers were still there, and all he's done is remove the invasive bittersweet vines that are killing the trees; he noted there was no filling, and the fence was removed due to the damage from the trees. The Chair noted that he has visually seen, day after day, a lot of work has been done, including fill at the tip of the wetlands, and skid steer wheels are causing ruts in the wetlands. The Chair reiterated that not even bittersweet can be cut by the homeowner

The enforcement order was ratified. It was voted to ask DEP to become involved.

4. 57 Maple Street Enforcement Order. After being reviewed by DEP and Art Allen of EcoTec, it was recommended that the wood chips be removed by hand raking.

5. Near 7 Brook Street tree cutting. A local conservation agent reported that trees were cut near the stream; Brian Vasa took pictures. The tree warden, Bill Hayes (who also works for Eversource) will be contacted by Brian.

6. Review new Building Permit Applications. The Chair, Rick Burnet signed off on the following building permit applications:

- 43 Winnetuxet Road - 28x36 garage with lean to 10x30 off rear
- 29 Brook Street - 18x14 with 4x18 front porch

7. Sign Warrants. None

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.
- c. Center Street Dumping. It appears landscape and cement refuse are being dumped on a property. The K&P lawyer wrote a cease-and-desist enforcement order. The Commission asked if there were any wetlands on the property; an RDA needs to be done.

9. Minutes. The minutes from the October 19th meeting were approved with amendments.

10. Next Meetings. The next meetings will be held on November 16th and December 7th. The December 21st meeting will not be held. 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 8:00 pm by a motion from Ms. Leddy and seconded by Ms. Cronin with unanimous approval.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin