



Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Virtual Meeting – April 19, 2022

Held over Zoom Conference Call:

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By Telephone: (646) 558-8656 Meeting ID: 880 290 1353; Password: 948488

Present: Board Members, Rick Burnet, Amy Cronin, Linda Leddy, and Mike Matern; and Conservation Agent, Brian Vasa

Guests: Rebecca Lipton, Ivan Lipton (abutters), Steve Kotowski of Webby Engineering, Mark Derby (applicant) (for 0 Prospect Road); Brittney Veeck, Emad Elsakka and Nate Rosencranz of Nitsch Engineering (Rt. 58 bridge repair)

- 1. Call to Order.** Chair, Rick Burnet called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.
- 2. NOI Hearing continuation for 0 Prospect Road - Derby/Webby Engineering - barn addition & utilities, SE266-0227.**

The Commission reviewed the stormwater and culvert design calculations report of third-party reviewer, Gary James of Beta. It was noted previously that the drainage is over-designed for the volume of water (providing even more protection).

The designs were done to maximize the stormwater effectiveness. There were questions about the footprint of the building being different than the original calculations. The new plan is further away from the resource area. It was noted that even though the original design met the bylaw, the modified design is less than half of the original footprint. This new design captures more than twice the amount of stormwater and diverts it away from the owners and the abutters' property line. There will be a maintenance program to keep the culverts clear. The applicant noted in response to a question from Ms. Lipton that near the front of the property, there may be some enlargement of crushed stone areas for horse trailer turnaround. The Commission thanked the applicant for the above-and-beyond nature of the plan, noting that it should improve existing flooding.

As background, the Notice of Intent (NOI) Hearing originally scheduled for December 7, 2021, February 15, 2022, March 1, 2022 and April 5, 2022, is continued tonight. The hearing is to conduct a public hearing 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 Mark Derby for the property at 0 Prospect Road, Map 20, Parcel 1 & Lot 10. The NOI is a proposal to construct an approximately 3,800 ft² (less than half the original footprint that was originally 72' x 96') addition to an existing barn, install underground utilities, and replace an existing culvert under the existing driveway within 100' of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

Motion (Linda): The plan will be accepted as presented.

Second: Amy Cronin

Voted unanimously with roll-call vote: Rick Burnet: Aye, Linda Leddy: Aye, Amy Cronin: Aye, Mike Matern: Aye.

3. Request for determination of Applicability (RDA) Hearing for Route 58/Main Street - Plympton Highway Dept./Nitsch Engineering - bridge repair.

The project was presented by Nate Rosencranz of Nitsch Engineering on behalf of the Town of Plympton.

As background, the RDA proposes work including repairs to the deteriorated bridge built in 1954. The proposed deck repairs will include epoxy crack injection repair and spall repair to the concrete bridge deck to replace multiple areas of spalled concrete, corroded reinforcing steel, and cracking. The extent of the repairs is limited to the top of the bridge and the underside of the bridge deck. The applicants presented photos taken from underneath the bridge, showing a significant hole where the pavement from the top was falling through. No repairs will be performed to any portion of the bridge below the observed water line in the river. Temporary shielding will be in place prior to the work (they will have to submit their proposed design for approval by Nitsch Engineering). A raft will be used to do the work, and there would need to be clearing of plants (approximately a 10 ft path) to walk in the river to install the raft. An alternative to that is to lower the raft and tools from the bridge.

The RDA public hearing is under the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c 131 §40 and the Town of Plympton Wetlands Protection Bylaw, General Bylaws Chapter 290 from Town of Plympton for the property at 0 Winnetuxet Road, Map 21, Parcel/Lot Number 3-7.

Motion (Linda): The plan will be accepted with a Negative 2 determination.

Second: Amy Cronin

Voted unanimously with roll-call vote: Rick Burnet: Aye, Linda Leddy: Aye, Amy Cronin: Aye, Mike Matern: Aye.

4. Two Brooks Boundary Markers.

Guest, Rebecca Lipton donated another \$500 towards this expense.

Motion (Linda): To pay Grady Engineering the remainder of the bill to reconfirm the property line with cement markers, up to \$1500 using the CPC Contingency Fund for Two Brooks.

Second: Amy Cronin

Voted unanimously with roll-call vote: Rick Burnet: Aye, Linda Leddy: Aye, Amy Cronin: Aye, Mike Matern: Aye.

5. Review new Building Permit Applications.

- **32 Parsonage:** 15'x 36' overhang on a barn; there were no wetlands concerns.
- **11 Sheffield Park:** 30'x24' horse barn; there was some question about the wetlands, so a wetlands delineation was completed, verifying there were no wetlands concerns.
- **16 Montello:** 20'x8' porch
- **90 Brook:** 14'x16' 3-season room
- **15 Cedar:** 10'x10' breezeway and 28'x28' two-car garage

7. Sign Warrants. No new warrants.

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 for the ZBA. The Commission asked if there were any wetlands on the property; an RDA needs to be done.

d. Contact Eversource to check on the protocols regarding cutting trees; this was as a result of tree cutting near 7 Brook Street.

9. Minutes. The April 5th minutes were approved as amended.

Motion (Mike): To approve the minutes from the April 5th meeting as amended.

Second: Linda

Voted unanimously with roll-call vote: Rick Burnet: Aye, Linda Leddy: Aye, Amy Cronin: Aye, Mike Matern: Aye.

10. Next Meetings. The next meetings will be held on May 3rd and May 17th, 2022. 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 Mr. Matern and voted unanimously with a roll-call vote: Rick Burnet: Aye, Linda Leddy: Aye, Mike Matern: Aye, Amy Cronin: Aye.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin