

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Virtual Meeting – October 6, 2020
Held over Zoom Conference Call: zoom.us/j/8802901353
By Telephone: +1 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 880 290 1353
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Present: Board Members, Rick Burnet, Linda Leddy and Mike Matern; and Conservation Agent, Brian Vasa

Not Present: Amy Cronin

Guests: Ken Thompson (owner 55 Crescent Street), Joe Walsh (Builder Crescent Street)

1. Call to Order. Mr. Burnet called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm and read the suggested statement to be made by the Chair of a public body at the start of any public meeting conducted “virtually”, 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. Additional discussion for reviewing applications during the duration of the State of Emergency. The Commission discussed allowing the remainder of the projects that were being tolled to be heard at the next meetings. These include projects with aspects in resource areas.

[MOTION \(Linda\): Starting at the October 20th meeting, the Conservation Commission will resume normal operation of remote meetings and will hear all projects. Older applications that are still on hold will have priority and will be heard first.](#)

[SECOND \(Rick\)](#)

[VOTED and approved by all present.](#)

3. Continued Hearings. A statement was read by the Chair pertaining to virtual meetings. In accordance with Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, Section 17, the following hearings have been automatically tolled and continued to the first hearing date of the Commission following the termination of the State of Emergency; all the current hearings must be held

within 45 days, and all the newer projects can start after that period. All of the following meetings will be continued to October 20th as follows:

NOI Hearing continuation on 0 Maple Street - house construction 7:00

NOI Hearing continuation on 399 Main Street - solar project 7:01

NOI Hearing continuation on 61 Upland Road - habitat enhancement project 7:02

4. RDA Hearing continuation on 55 Crescent Street - house construction. Ken

Thompson, property owner and applicant is seeking to build a house within the 100' zone and the septic system would be within 50' of the isolated vegetated wetland area. Joe Walsh, the builder, joined the meeting as well.

Ken mentioned that the memo from Brad Holmes stated that the Isolated Vegetated Wetland (IVW) does NOT meet the criteria to be a vernal pool. Ken asked that the Commission determine that the project is not applicable (negative determination) since the IVW is not a result of the BVW but rather run-off from the road.

Joe Walsh told the Commission that the house could not be built if they couldn't go through IVW, since the septic system would need to go through that area. When the Commission asked if they would try to move the location of the house outside of the BVW buffer zone if the IVW is concluded to not be significant, Joe said that the house would not be moved regardless.

Chair Rick Burnet said it is an involved site and would require a full NOI in his opinion.

The Commission agreed that the project would require an NOI submittal and went through the choices on DEP WPA Form 2 - Determination of Applicability.

MOTION (Rick): To issue a Positive Determination of 1, 2b, 3, 4, 5

SECOND (Linda)

VOTED and approved by all present.

5. Ring Road (Dunham) and (Correira) Orders of Conditions (OOCs) Sign-offs. Brian

Vasa created draft special conditions for the Ring Road dual-use projects and presented them to the Commission. The Commission approved the OOC with amendments.

6. Potential new conservation commissioners. No further progress was made on this topic.

7. Warrants. None.

8. Building Permits. Chair, Rick Burnet signed off on the following permits prior to the meeting:

- 111 Prospect Road - In-ground swimming pool & patio
- 177 Main St - 1 car garage with bed and bath over

9. Minutes. The minutes from the September 22, 2020 meeting were approved with amendments.

10. Next Meetings. The next scheduled meeting will be held on October 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 8:03 pm by a motion from Ms. Leddy and seconded by Mr. Burnet with unanimous approval.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Brian Vasa