**Plympton Conservation Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting – February 18, 2020**

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

**Not Present:** Marta Nover

Mr. Burnet called the meeting to order at 6:40

**1. Correspondence**.

* A request from John Mathias to ask for a 3-year extension on the Order of Conditions for the lot at DEP# se 266-0197, 17 Winnetuxet Road.

**New Business**

**2. Building Permits Received.** None

**3. Warrant.** A warrant was signed for $167.50 for Grady Engineering for map preparation. Another warrant was signed to reimburse Linda Leddy $300 for the Builders and Remodelers Association of Boston to send a flyer to their 900 members to advertise the lots for sale by the town.

**4. OOC Extension.** An Order of Extension has been granted John Mathias for a 3-year extension on the Order of Conditions for the lot at DEP# se 266-0197, 17 Winnetuxet Road.

**5. NOI Submission.** A Notice of Intent (NOI) was submitted by Mike Lemieux prepared by Collins Civil Engineering Group, Inc. to submit an NOI for residential septic repair/upgrade for 4 Mayflower Road. Mr. Lemieux submitted a waiver for the 21 day limit for a hearing.

**Old Business**

**6. NOI Hearing on 126 Ring Road Dual-use Solar.** A Notice of Intent Hearing was held for the Dunham property. Brian Madden from LEC Environmental Consultants and Iain Ward of New England Consulting Services appeared on behalf of BE RE LLC. This project abuts 131 and 137 Ring Road projects (Roger Correira property) that are in Kingston. Updated plans were submitted. They responded to the DEP comments regarding the impacts with dual use; the Commission was copied on the correspondence. There is a riverfront area in Plympton – Jones River Brook (discharge) and Barrows Brook are both on the property, with the majority of the riverfront area in Kingston. A stormwater runoff report is expected to be requested from the Planning Board. Commissioner Amy Cronin noted (and the representatives acknowledged this comment) that the maximum height for solar panels is 12’ and the proposed height is 13’ when not horizontal. Since it is the first dual-use project in Plympton, it is anticipated that we will ask for third-party assistance to review the project to assist with the drafting of the Order of Conditions. The hearing will be continued to March 10th.

**7. NOI Hearing on 131 and 137 Ring Road (Kingston) Dual-use Solar project.** A Notice of Intent Hearing was held for the Roger Correira property in Kingston that abuts Plympton. Brian Madden from LEC Environmental Consultants and Iain Ward of New England Consulting Services appeared on behalf of BE RE LLC. This project abuts the 126 Ring Road project (Dunham property) in Plympton. Monday night is the Planning Board meeting. Since it is the first dual-use project abutting Plympton, it is anticipated that we will ask for third-party assistance to review the project to assist to draft the Order of Conditions. The Commission has the Order of Conditions that Kingston drafted. Also, Carver and Norton have projects with dual-use solar; apparently the one in Norton is in a lawsuit since the proponent didn’t like the conditions set by the Commission. The proponents will send the order of conditions from Carver. The hearing will be continued to March 10th.

Roger Correira was also present at the meeting and talked about the bog canals and the stormwater discharge.

**8. NOI Hearing Continuation on 0 Main Street Solar project.** Evan Watson of Prime Engineering appeared on behalf of Harju Brothers Cranberries to provide a project update. The Planning Board has some concerns about the stormwater issues. Mr. Watson discussed MA DEPs Policy 17-1 regarding stormwater; LID (low impact development) credits can be issued for ground cover. The plans haven’t been finalized yet until after they work with the Planning Board. The hearing was continued until March 24th.

**9. Review Order of Conditions for 0 Lake Street.** The orders were reviewed and approved unanimously.

**10. Remaining Considerations (Parking Lot issues).** The following are items on which the Commission still needs to act on or consider.

**Letter Regarding Work Near Wetlands - Property on Rt. 58 near town line.** There has been no response to the letter was written from the Conservation Commission to Amanda Monti reminding her that any work within 100’ of the bordering vegetated wetlands (BVW) or 200’ of a river must be first approved by the Commission. It was noted that clearing had been done, and the Commission requested a site walk to review the work.

**Carey Auto Property.** The Commission sent the Building Department a request on June 21, 2018 to determine if sandblasting is occurring, and if so, if it is permitted. Sandblasting is a concern from a wetlands perspective as well. No response yet. A second e-mail was sent from Amy Cronin on 9/17/19.

**Gazzola County Road DEP Case.** Need an update for this.

**Minutes.** The minutes from the 02/04/20 meeting were reviewed and approved with amendments.

**Next Meetings:** The next meetings will be held March 10 and 24th at 6:30 pm. Meetings are typically held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm by a motion from Ms. Leddy and seconded by Mr. Matern, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin