

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Meeting – August 16, 2016

Present: Board Members Rick Burnet, Amy Cronin, Ami Dion, and Linda Leddy
Regrets: Board Member John Mathias

Mr. Burnet called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Correspondence.

None

Old Business

- 1. Executive Session.** After a unanimous vote in support, Rick Burnet announced that the Board would go into Executive Session regarding an issue that might involve legal issues on Maple Street 6-3-6. The Executive Session was closed at 7:30 by Chair Rick Burnet after a unanimous roll call vote of the Board.
- 2. RDA Hearing - 134 Brook Street.** Hearing for a 6.48 MW total solar project on 22 acres. Dean Smith from Borrego Solar and soil scientist Meredith Borenstein presented the project. Audience members, Susan and Bill Hayes of 4 Cushman Landing expressed concerns about the entrance to the project potentially through the wetlands. The applicant is not planning to use the 134 Brook Road for either construction or permanent access. It was noted that the project seems confusing – not knowing where things are on the plot plan; the Commission agreed that there is confusion and requested the applicants clarify with a parcel map showing their proposed entrance (that includes Brook Street). A Commission site walk through will be scheduled after the erosion controls (silt fence) are in place.
- 3. NOI Hearing on Main Street (Map 7, Parcel/Lot Number 1-40C).** The applicant is Scott Harrington Custom Homes to install a driveway with associated grading within 100' from bordering vegetated wetlands. The property owners Paul and Lisa Lelito were in attendance. It was requested to put the silt fence 35' from the wetlands. It was noted the driveway must be 12' wide. The homeowners were notified that because wetlands are on their property, they must come back to the Board before any future work is done. The DEP had a specific note on this property that must be investigated by the Board.
- 4. Continuation of RDA Hearing – 99 Main Street.** This hearing is continued.
- 5. Continuation of NOI Hearing – 373 Main Street.** This hearing is continued.
- 6. Violation at 117 Lake Street.** Blue Wave Solar Project representatives, Bill Gaudet Mark Flaherty and Brian Meserve presented. Contractors put approximately 2 feet in depth some debris (wood chips, rocks, etc.) in 2 areas of wetlands in areas of 3750 ft² and 750 ft². A cease and desist order was issued and the work was stopped. A report for remediation was submitted.
- 7. Warrant.** A warrant was signed by the Board authorizing newspaper advertising.

8. **19 Main Street Update.** This item was continued for the Frances Penney new home construction. The Board needs to talk to the Building Department.
9. **Update - 0 Spring Street Solar Array Project (DEP# SE266-0174).** Board member, Rick Burnet did a site visit yesterday. Neighbors Allen and Toby Adams expressed concerns that within the 100' solar screening requirement, the last 50' was clear cut and scraped, not maintaining the required screening in *Screening*, §6.10.5.2.1 of Article 23 of the Plympton Bylaws. There was concern that the required screening was not selectively cleared in accordance with *Selective Screening*, §6.10.5.3.5. The neighbors also noted that the project was not in accordance with §6.10.5.2.1.4 because the solar project is not obscured with the screening since the last 50' were clear cut.

New Business

1. **RDA – 48 Oak Street.** An RDA was received.
2. **NOI – 41 Ring Road.**
3. **NOI Ring Road – Parcel 8-2-1a.**
4. **New building applications.**
5. **Board member nomination.** Marti Nover was nominated to serve on the Conservation Commission; the nomination was forwarded to the BOS.
6. **Minutes Approval.** The minutes from the August 2, 2016 meeting were approved with amendments.

Next Meeting: Due to the number of projects, an extra meeting will be held at 6 pm on Wednesday, August 24, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm by a motion by Ms. Dion, seconded by Ms. Leddy with unanimous approval.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin