

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Meeting – September 20, 2016

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

Mr. Burnet called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Correspondence.

None

Old Business

1. **134 Brook Street Solar Project.** Dean Smith of Borrego Solar provided drawings delineating the wetlands adjacent to the contingent operations and maintenance access road for the proposed project. The four conditions are: 1) narrow the clearing; 2) place erosion and sediment controls on plan; 3) barrier to show those items will be there permanent; 4) storm water control. It was agreed that the application for the access road will be removed from the building permit and the building permit will be revised for Commission consideration.
2. **Ring Road (Lot 8-2-1a) Driveway Construction Hearing Continuation.** Joe Webby of Webby Engineering presented the plans for a driveway construction; he was accompanied by Walter Sullivan, Attorney. Mr. Webby showed plans with the vernal pool and wetlands delineated; he also provided a report from Brad Holmes on the vernal pool (attached). The Commission requested an updated plan be submitted to include utilities, driveway grading, the proposed tree line, and placement of a silt fence at the limit of work. Linda Leddy also asked that the revised plan include all the 100' setbacks for the vernal pools and isolated wetlands.

Members of the public speaking included: Christopher Utt of 49 Ring Road; Robert Peters of 45 Ring Road; Emily Peters of 45 Ring Road; and Laurel Utt of 49 Ring Road. The public concerns included the size of the vernal pool during this dry period and that it would be much larger under other circumstances; large trucks going through the wetlands; and the potential measuring margin of error between the two vernal pools where the driveway is planned. The hearing was continued to October 4, 2016.

3. **41 Ring Road (Lot 8-2-1b) Single-Family Home Construction Hearing Continuation.** Joe Webby of Webby Engineering presented the plans for construction. Christina and Andy Bulman, applicants were also in attendance. The Commission requested an updated plan that shows utilities, driveway grading, the proposed tree line, and placement of a silt fence at the limit of work. The applicant's representatives asserted that there is no isolated wetland or vernal pool; the Commission stated that it needs proof of this assertion and requested that the contour lines around the wetlands areas be clearly labeled on the plans.

Members of the public speaking included: Robert Peters of 45 Ring Road and Mike Lemieux of 39 Ring Road; Jen MacDonald of 39 Ring Road; and Andy Bulman,

applicant. The public concerns included the small amount of water during this dry period and that the area would be much larger under other circumstances; also the applicant expressed he did not wish to disrupt the wetlands. The hearing was continued to October 4, 2016.

4. **0 Spring Street Solar Array Project (DEP# SE266-0174).** Dean Smith of Borrego Solar presented an updated plan of the project and proposed additional plantings. Based on a Commission member's site visit reported at the 8-24-16 meeting, there was discussion that clear cutting was done (in an area that had been marked for selective cutting in the original plan). This clear cutting did not maintain the required screening in *Screening*, §6.10.5.2.1 of Article 23 (Solar) of the *Plympton Bylaws* and is not in compliance with the Wetlands Bylaw. There was concern that the required screening was not selectively cleared in accordance with *Selective Screening*, §6.10.5.3.5. Dean Smith was unaware of this and said he would visit the property. Allan Adams of 12 Whistlers Lane spoke about the clearing and concerns about how to recreate the ecosystem. The Commission plans to take another walk-through on September 27th.
5. **99 Main Street.** Bob Andrews appeared before the Commission and was given an RDA form, which he completed and turned in.
6. **Maple Street Update (DEP File #266-0139).** The town attorney advised the applicant that the wetlands must be delineated before the town's consulting engineer can proceed to visit the property.
7. **373 Main Street Update.** Work continues on this property, and since the wetlands are not delineated, it is unclear if the work is problematic. The applicant will be contacted to arrange for a walkthrough.
8. **23 Ring Road.** There was discussion about the newly paved driveway area that was not in the original plan and associated erosion concerns. The applicant will be contacted to arrange for a walkthrough.
9. **Building Permit Applications.** The application for Scott Harrington's Block Lot 7-1-40C, 69 Ring Road and 122 Center Street were signed off.
10. **48 Oak Street.** A negative Determination of Applicability was issued, noting no further action is needed with the Commission.

New Business

Minutes Approval. The minutes from the August 24th were approved with amendments; the minutes from the September 6th and August 16, 2016 Executive Session minutes were approved without amendment.

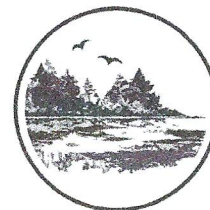
Next Meetings: Monday, September 25, 2016 at 8 am and Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 6:30.

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

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin



Environmental Consulting & Restoration, LLC



WETLAND DELINEATION MEMO

TO: Joe Webby @ Webby Engineering Associates, Inc.
FROM: Brad Holmes @ ECR
DATE: September 12, 2016
RE: Ring Road, Plympton

To follow up on ECR's August 12, 2014 wetland delineation at 45 & 49 Ring Road in Plympton (the Site), ECR re-visited the site today to review the wetland areas and perform additional work. The site contains the following wetland resource areas as delineated in the field and shown on the current site plan:

- Isolated Vegetated Wetlands A, C, and D series
- Bordering Vegetated Wetland B series

Since the August 12, 2014 wetland delineation, the interior seasonally ponded area of the B series BVW was certified by NHESP as a Certified Vernal Pool CVP#7501. Therefore, ECR delineated the Mean Annual High Water line of this CVP today with blue flags CVP #1 to CVP #10, which is clearly visible in the field with a well-defined break in slope with indicators of ponding below (water staining, buttress roots, etc.).

The Jones River Brook is located to the south of the site beyond 39 Ring Road. It appears that this stream is approximately 200 feet from the property line between 39 and 45 Ring Road. ECR delineated the Inland Bank of this stream on either side of Ring Road with blue flags IB100 to IB103 and IB200 to IB200. The stream veers away from the site beyond the IB flags.

Upon review of this wetland delineation memo, please contact me at (617) 529 – 3792 or brad@ecrholmes.com with any questions or requests for additional information.

Thank you,
Brad Holmes, Professional Wetland Scientist #1464
Manager