

**Plympton Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes of Open Meeting – December 6, 2016**

**Present:** Board Members Rick Burnet, Amy Cronin, Ami Dion and Marti Nover

**Not Present:** Linda Leddy and John Mathias

Mr. Burnet called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

**Correspondence.**

*Northern Woodlands* magazine

NECSG booklet "*Increased Forest Resilience for an Uncertain Future*"

**Old Business**

1. **New Regulations.** Jay Wennemer worked with the Commission on the draft of the *Conservation Commission Wetland Protection Regulations*. Discussions were centered on stormwater issues. The review will continue in the New Year.
2. **0 Spring Street Solar Facility Restoration Issues.** Dean Smith of Borrego Solar presented an amended restoration plan (dated 11/10/16) for an area of 75,000 ft<sup>2</sup> that was clear cut (when it was only allowed to be selectively cut with permission; there was no permission). A portion of that area is within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Input was provided by abutter, Allen Adams of 12 Whistlers Lane. Discussion included perceived shortcomings of the plan, including no information about what is covered by the \$150K bond put up by Borrego Solar. Concerns were raised about the area being used by ATVs (motorcycles, etc.) if plantings aren't properly planned, and concerns about the project being sold after commissioning and how that would impact the maintenance of the plan. A Commission member asked that the plantings be staked out and Dean Smith expressed reluctance, noting that the stakes wouldn't remain in April when plantings were completed. A meeting will be planned including Borrego, the neighbors, Planning Board, and the Commission in the future.

As was reported in the minutes of the November 1<sup>st</sup>, when the final restoration plan is submitted, it should reflect that there should be ongoing supervision from Brad Holmes, and that updates shall be given to the Commission twice a year.

3. **134 Brook Street Solar Project - RDA for Access Driveway Hearing.** Dean Smith of Borrego Solar presented the RDA. The existing RDA was withdrawn and a revised RDA was submitted. A site visit was completed. The Commission requested information that was not included in the package, including silt sod detail and road detail sheets and O&M protocol. Additionally, the road was staked at 12' wide access, but the drawing shows a 14' gravel access; this should be explicitly corrected to be 12' in the plan. The hearing will be continued at the next meeting, December 20th.
4. **373 Main Street Continuation of NOI Hearing.** At the site visit, the Commission requested that the owner, Dean Jaffarian present a plan showing existing conditions

including the current clear line and what it was before he cleared. The hearing will be continued until January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

5. **41 Ring Road (Lot 8-2-1b) Single-Family Home Construction Continuation of NOI Hearing.** Months ago, the applicant requested a hearing continuance until the first meeting of December 2016. Neither the applicant nor their representatives were present. The hearing will be continued.
6. **19 Main Street House Construction Continuation of NOI Hearing (DEP# 266-0185).** Frances Penney presented the proof of 5 abutters' notification cards and sets of plans. A Commission member will do a site visit on Friday morning to confirm the wetland boundaries. The hearing will be continued until December 20, 2016.
7. **99 Main Street RDA (Map 7 Lots 2 and 9) Continuation of RDA Hearing.** At the request of the applicant, the hearing will be continued to the January 3, 2017.
8. **Maple Street LLC project 6-3-6 Status Update.** Abutter Mike Matern of Maple Street provided input. There was discussion that the proposed driveway must go over town land that is wetlands. Typically, permission is given for a "curb cut" (easement over town land) by the DPW, but the difference here is that no DPW permission has been granted, and the "curb cut" permission, if issued, would have to be over wetlands. The Commission is still waiting for a submission regarding the project.
9. **117 Lake Street Blue Wave Solar Project Status Update.** Ami Dion will arrange a walk through to discuss John Chessia's report outlining issues. The retention ponds that they've built are not adequate.
10. **0 Center Street.** A letter was sent to Lawrence Silva concerning work near wetlands. A notice will be sent to the land owner noting that no work can be done without permission.

## **New Business**

### **11. Building Applications.**

**11 Sheffield Park Tractor Barn.** This project was determined to not be in the jurisdiction of the Commission.

**51 Mayflower Road Run-in Shed.** Clarification is still needed about the limits of the project and the location; the drawings do not reflect the actual location.

**44 Oak Street RDA.** A negative 3 determination was made.

12. **Warrant.** A warrant was signed to pay Jay Wennemer \$225 for regulations writing.
13. **Discuss potential violations raised by the public.** Concerns were raised regarding Lot 12-4 (in the area between 50 and 70 Ring Road); it was reported that there was work being done in close proximity to the river (excavating the top of the hill such that dirt and debris will go into the river). It appears any work in this area would be within the jurisdiction of Commission.
14. **Minutes Approval.** The minutes of the November 1 and November 15, 2016 meetings were approved with amendments.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 5:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm by a motion by Ms. Dion, seconded by Ms. Cronin with unanimous approval.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin