

**Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Meeting – September 17, 2019**

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Present: Board Members: Rick Burnet, Amy Cronin, Ami Dion, Linda Leddy and Mike Matern

Not Present: Marta Nover

Mr. Burnet called the meeting to order at 6:35

1. Correspondence.

- Environmental notification prepared for NSTAR (Eversource) for the construction of a new 115-kilovolt overhead transmission line, 8 miles in length through Carver, Kingston and Plympton. Comments are due to MEPA by October 15th.
- Old Colony Planning Council September 25th agenda

New Business

2. Building Permits Received.

58 Main Street Open Structure for cover. Applicant Rich Poole is seeking to build an open structure for cover. It's within the BVW and it is agricultural property, and under 61A are therefore exempt. The application was signed.

3. The new Conservation Agent, Brian Vasa was welcomed.

Old Business

4. NOI Hearing 0 and 37 Lake Street Floating Solar, Map 3, Parcel/Lot # 2-8, 2-13. A public hearing was conducted to consider a Notice of Intent, under the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c 131 §40 from Plympton Lake Street Solar, LLC. The representative of the project in attendance was Sarah Stearns of Beals + Thomas. It was originally proposed to construct a ground mounted and floating solar array on agricultural land; the floating portion of the plan has now been eliminated. The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) Secretary through the MEPA process determined the project needed to file an Environmental Impact Report; the decision is in the recent Environmental Monitor – Sept 6th decision.

The Commission did a walk-through of the site on August 27th. The third-party review will still take place. It was requested that the third-party review report be completed by October 1st for the continuation of the October 8th hearing continuation. The scope of work was approved.

5. 0 Maple Street NOI Hearing – House Construction. A public hearing was conducted to consider a Notice of Intent, under the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c 131 §40 and the Town of Plympton Wetland Protection Act General Municipal Bylaw Section XXVIII. Representatives Nathaniel Stevens of McGregor & Legere Attorneys at Law and Dan Orwig appeared on behalf of owner Greg Black. Commissioner Mike Matern recused himself. The certified abutters list was provided by e-mail. Mr. Orwig requested and approval was given to continue the hearing until October 8th.

It was noted by Attorney Stevens that it was the same project with less impact on the wetlands. It appears the application is otherwise complete. The Commission will need to decide if an amended request is necessary. The hearing will be October 8th at 7:15.

6. 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. Ami Dion will send another letter.

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.

Main Street Penney Property. It appears that there has been no work and the permit is good for only 3 years.

Minutes. The minutes from the September 10th meeting were reviewed and approved with amendments.

Next Meetings: The next meetings will be held October 8th and 22nd at 6:30 pm. The October meetings were shifted to ensure a quorum. However, the meetings are typically held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm by a motion from Ms. Leddy and seconded by Mr. Matern, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin