**Plympton Conservation Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting – March 10, 2020**

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

**Not Present:** Linda Leddy and Marta Nover

Mr. Burnet called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm

**1. Correspondence**.

* Old Colony Planning Agenda dated 02/26/2020
* Letter dated 02/25/2020 from DEP to Daniel Gazzola with an update on the violations.
* A notice from Keolis noting that their yearly operational plan for integrated vegetation management activities from May 1 through June 30th.

**New Business**

**1. Discussion of possible 0 Palmer Road possible violation.** Stephen Shurtleff was present representing owner Kevin Farrell and CLE LLC. Mr. Shurtleff was informed that the wetlands line was not up-to-date. They have already been to the Planning Board and the project was pulled last night. The owner will likely modify due to neighbor concerns. It was noted that the Conservation Commission is typically the first stop when wetlands are involved. It was noted that the neighbor has a certified line on her property that would’ve encroached on their plans.

**2. Building Permits Received.** None

**3. Warrant.** A warrant was signed for $42 for Express Newspapers; $546.10 for EcoTec, Inc.; Brian Vasa for O Lake St mailings ($11.80) and O Palmer mailings ($7.80).

**4. Notice of Intent Hearing on 4 Mayflower Road for upgrade of existing residential septic system.**  David Klenert from Collins Engineering Group appeared on behalf of owners, Mike Lemieux and Jen MacDonald who were also present. The hearing was to consider the NOI under the Wetlands Protection Act, and the Plympton Bylaw Section XXVIII. The green cards with notification to abutters were presented. Since there was no other place to put the new septic, the project was approved unanimously.

**5. Discussion on Lake Street Conservation Restriction (solar).** The Commission discussed that the Commission could possibly hold the land to ensure the conditions are met.

**6. Discussion on hiring a vernal pool consultant for projects during the 2020 season.** The wetlands scientist could determine this, and our Conservation Agent can initially identify any vernal pools.

**Old Business**

**7. Update on 129 County Road.** Dan Gazzola of 78 Ring Road was sent a cease and desist by the Plympton Conservation Commission. Upon resuming work, the DEP was contacted and cited Mr. Gazzola. A letter was received dated February 25, 2020 that noted that no valid wetlands permit for work was undertaken and work shall cease and desist. Conditions were outlined that included, but was not limited to, marking and restoring the land, and engaging with environmental experts. A fine of $14,400 was levied, with $10,000 suspended if there are no more violations.

**8.** **Continued - NOI Hearing continuation on 0 Ring Road - Dunham Property - dual-use solar project.**  At the request of the applicants the hearing was continued. It was rescheduled for March 24th.

**9. Continued - NOI Hearing continuation on 0 Ring Road - Correira Property - dual-use solar project.** At the request of the applicants the hearing was continued; it was rescheduled for March 24th.

**10. Continued - NOI Hearing continuation on 399 Main Street – solar project.** At the request of the applicants the hearing was continued; it was rescheduled for April 7th.

**11. 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.

**Minutes.** The minutes from the 02/18/20 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Next Meetings:** The next meetings will be held March 24th and April 7th at 6:30 pm. Meetings are typically held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm by a motion from Ms. Cronin and seconded by Mr. Matern, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin