

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Virtual Meeting – January 12, 2021
Held over Zoom Conference Call: zoom.us/j/8802901353
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Present: Board Members, Rick Burnet, Amy Cronin, Linda Leddy and Mike Matern; and Conservation Agent, Brian Vasa

Guest: Nathaniel Stevens of McGregor and Legere P.C. (Maple Street)

1. Call to Order. Mr. Burnet called the meeting to order at 5:17 pm and the suggested statement was read that was prepared by KP Law:

“Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Plympton Conservation Commission is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order.”

2. Discussion regarding Notice of Intent (NOI) for 0 Maple Street - house construction Commissioner Linda Leddy reviewed an overview of the NOI, the applicant’s request for several waivers, and comments that were raised by the Commission during the hearing. Commissioner Mike Matern joined after Linda began the discussion and noted for the record that he is recusing himself from the discussion and voting on the issue. The Commission voted unanimously to deny the latest NOI for Parcel 6-2-3a based on the associated plans (last submitted 04/14/2020), amendments, all submissions and testimony based on the factors discussed by the Commission.

Chair Rick Burnet: Aye

Linda Leddy: Aye

Amy Cronin: Aye

The decision will be sent no later than January 20th. Nathaniel Stevens requested the official paper copy of the decision to be sent to Dan Orwig, with e-mailed versions to himself and to Mr. Orwig.

3. Senior Technical Consultant. There were discussions that 53G funds could be used to hire a Technical Consultant. This person would help with difficult projects, a consultant is needed to help the Commission review projects and write up the Commission’s decisions/orders. It was discussed that a generic job description will be drafted.

4. Warrants. None.

5. Building Permits.

Cedar Street Single-family home construction. The Commission reviewed the plot plan that was prepared for Thomas Sedell by Webby Engineering. This property is Map 15, Lot 1-9, located in both Plympton and Middleboro. The Commission agreed that a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) is needed since the project is proposed in close proximity to the wetlands and there is a vernal pool on the property.

6. Parking Lot issues. An inventory of the vernal pools in town will be created.

7. Minutes. The minutes from the December 22nd, 2020 meeting were approved as amended. Mike Matern abstained from voting on the minutes.

8. Next Meetings. The next meetings will be held on January 19th and February 2nd at 6:30 pm. The typical meetings schedule (1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month) is subject to be modified, and will be posted.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm by a motion from Ms. Leddy and seconded by Ms. Cronin with unanimous approval.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin