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Plympton Planning Board meeting 4-24-17

Present were Deborah Anderson, William McClellan, and Paul D'Angelo. Absent were John Rantuccio and Dominique Sampson.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Deborah Anderson at 6:15 p.m.

Alan Wheelock, Chairman of the new By-Law Review Committee, with David Alberti, member, addressed the board, with two articles which their committee proposed and for which they sought Planning Board support. The first, Warrant Article 29, is a housekeeping article which corrects a typographical error, changing the word "marches" to its intended "marshes." In the second paragraph of the proposed warrant article, the Board thought the new wording which would broaden the scope of allowed structures in a flood plain to include cranberries, agricultural or forestry uses, ... "or any municipal recreational or conservation project" was too broad. Robert Karling, Zoning enforcement officer, stopped in to say that a major purpose of Planning and Zoning boards is to protect the groundwater, and he would rather see applicants go before the Zoning Board of Appeals to get a special permit with conditions, which would outline what materials and/or chemicals would be stored in such buildings, and to ensure that those materials would not leach into the groundwater or the floodplain. Wheelock and Alberti concurred and said they would recommend to their board they withdraw that article, and bring it back for further deliberation.

Warrant Article 30, suggested by the Zoning Inspector, requires that political signs be temporary, not lit in the nighttime, be limited to one sign per property, and with the property owner's permission. Size of the sign shall be limited to no more than six square feet without a permit. Signs larger than six square feet require a building permit, to guarantee the safety of passersby.

Discussion ensued regarding changing the meeting night from Monday until Tuesday. McClellan and D'Angelo have no preference. We will hold off until after election to see if a new member would have a preference. The board is actively seeking a new member to fill the position of Dominique Sampson who said she could only fill in on a temporary basis until the election.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, May 8, at 6 p.m. to hold hearings on the proposed warrant articles.

Respectfully submitted

Deb Anderson, Chairman

William McClellan, clerk pro tem, Paul d'Angelo