Planning Board Meeting Minutes - April 29, 2019

Call to Order-

The regular meeting of the Planning Board was called to order at 6 p.m.by Chairman Deborah Anderson.

Present -

Deborah Anderson, Ann Sobolewski, Paul D'Angelo and John Schmid from the Planning Board. Jen Macdonald arrived at 6:20.

Also present were Brian Wick from the Cranberry Growers' Association, Selectman Mark Russo, Amy Cronin and Ted Taranto from the By-law Review Committee, Linda Leddy from the Open Space Committee, and Mike Lemieux.

First on the agenda-

The board approved minutes from March 25, 2019. Motion made by D'Angelo, second by Sobolewski. Unanimous in favor.

Second on the agenda-

The board voted to pay the newspaper bill for advertising the nine hearing warrant articles in the Plympton-Halifax Express March 29 and April 5 in the amount of \$5,376. Anderson abstained, Sobolewski moved to pay the bill, D'Angelo second. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Third on the agenda-

The board reconvened the continued Solar By-Law hearing from April 16. After discussion among the members and with audience representatives, Anderson moved to refer the two solar by-law articles back to the Planning Board for further study and refinement. Macdonald made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Next on the agenda -

The board voted, Anderson moved and D'Angelo second, to form a study committee to research other towns' solar policies and by-laws and come back to the Planning Board with a comprehensive solar by-law that not only addresses the concerns of stripping Plympton woodlands to provide solar arrays, but also speaks to the concerns of cranberry growers who have been a rich part of Plympton's heritage and have been good neighbors. It was agreed that the study committee be made up of representatives of the public, including a representative from the cranberry growers, as well as some Planning Board members. John Schmid agreed to chair the study group and named its first meeting to be Monday, May 6.

Adjournment - On a motion by Anderson, second Sobolewski, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The board's next meeting will be Monday, May 13 at 6 p.m.