

## **Planning Board Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2019**

### **Call to Order-**

The regular meeting of the Planning Board was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Deborah Anderson.

### **Present -**

Deborah Anderson, Ann Sobolewski, Jennifer Macdonald and Paul D'Angelo from the Planning Board.

Also, Rick Burnet and Linda Leddy from the Conservation Committee and Open Space Committee respectively; David Bugbee from Bugbee Real Estate with Russell Keirstead submitting a Form A plan for a house lot; and Selectman Mark Russo.

Before the meeting commenced, Chairman Anderson offered a few words of sorrow due to the unexpected demise of our board member and friend Robert Karling whose knowledge and rare sense of humor will be dearly missed.

### **First on the agenda-**

6:10 – The board saw Russell Keirstead who explained that he has a signed purchase and sale agreement for a house lot on Upland Road that he is carving out of his existing farm property, necessitating it come out of Chapter 61A. Selectmen are holding a hearing on the matter Monday, January 28. On a motion by Sobolewski, second McDonald, the motion carried unanimously to approve the lot.

### **Second on the agenda-**

6:20 - Linda Leddy of the Open Space Committee and Rick Burnet from the Conservation Commission, both brought a Form A plan to separate two house lots at the front of a large parcel of land on Prospect Road recently bought by the Town of Plympton now known as Two Brooks Preserve. The goal is to sell the two house lots to help pay for the purchase of the larger parcel. On a motion by Macdonald, second by Sobolewski, the vote was unanimous to approve.

### **Third on the agenda-**

6:30 – Board discussed the new SHELL sign at Plympton Gas and Convenience. All agreed that the LED prices seemed very bright, in fact making the prices more difficult to read. The proprietor of the business assured the board at its November meeting that the brightness can be dimmed to where it is acceptable. The board agreed that Anderson should see the proprietor, and ask him to dim them. If as members drive by the light seems proper, all is well. If it still needs attention, the Planning Board will have a “field trip” to the site after our next meeting to see the adjustments made in person.

**Next on the agenda** – The board voted to pay Harry B. Harding & Sons \$184 for toner cartridges for the Cannon printer. Motion by Anderson, second D'Angelo, the vote carried unanimously.

**Next on the agenda** – Creation of a marijuana by-law. Anderson told the board that the state's Assistant Attorney General Margaret J. Hurley sent a letter saying that by statute the office of the AG could not undo its rejection of Plympton's Marijuana moratorium by-law that was approved at the Spring 2018 Town Meeting. Putting all that behind us, although not agreeing with the ruling or the procedure, the board went on to plumb the depths of feelings regarding the placement of marijuana retail and growing facilities. It was the unanimous wish of the board that grow facilities be limited to the areas in Plympton zoned industrial. Retail marijuana sales establishments will be discussed further; two members are leaning toward prohibiting retail sales in Plympton and two consider limiting retail sales establishments to the Industrial Zone as well. Sobolewski will draft a general by-law dealing with both issues in a "cut and paste" of other by-laws we have reviewed that are already approved by the AG's office. She will email her draft to us so that we may review it before our next meeting.

**Adjournment -**

On a motion by Anderson, second Sobolewski, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The board's next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 29, changed from Monday, January 28, to accommodate a scheduling conflict for Sobolewski.