

Plympton Planning Board meeting 03-27-17

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

Present from the public were Toby Adams, Alan Adams, and John Linares, abutters to the 0 Spring St. solar project for Borrego, and Dean Smith, representing Borrego.

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

The board reviewed the minutes from the 3-14-17 meeting. John Rantuccio moved the minutes as written, Paul D'Angelo seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Toby and Allen Adams, 12 Whistler's Lane, Kingston spoke with the board about the restoration plan given by Dean Smith which was developed by the Borrego restoration expert. The crux of the argument was that large trees, planted 15 feet apart, wouldn't provide the screening required for either the Linares property or the Adams property. Smith agreed to see if the plantings could be somewhat closer but stated that their expert said that 15' spacing was needed for the very expensive 8' to 14' tall trees to thrive. After much discussion, Smith agreed to provide about 24 additional shrubs of various holly, mountain laurels, and other evergreen shrubs for the understory, to fill in. Also, another line of 15 8' tall trees to make a third row will be planted near the Adams property. The Adams' yard will also have an additional 30 shrubs planted by Borrego as directed by the Adams family, as will the Linares family have 30 shrubs planted by Borrego as directed by Linares. Because of the grade of the Linares property, the taller trees will be planted closest to the Linares property line and will fill back in with 8' – 10' trees and some understory plantings.

The trees and shrubs will all be set out in place for the review of the abutters so they may make final adjustments to the placement before the planting.

Dean Smith will send to Planning Board and abutters new drawings to take into account the changes agreed to, before the next meeting. It was agreed by all that the planting should begin as soon as possible to make the best use of the growing season.

Mary Lou Sayles asked the Planning Board if we would consider outside input for the review of the by-laws regarding the definition of light manufacturing, and what could be done in an area zoned "Light Manufacturing." At the last meeting, the board became aware that the definition of light manufacturing was vague at best and an ideal candidate for the Bylaw Review Committee.

Chairman Anderson will email Anne Soboleski and request assistance in getting that and other items before the ByLaw Review Committee.

The board voted to pay the following invoices:

- Reimburse Deb Anderson \$50.05 for bound copies of the Plympton By-laws regarding Planning and Zoning which she had printed for our reference.
- Chessia Consulting Services, \$375 for the latest site inspection at the 117 Lake St. solar project.
- Seacoast Engineering, \$1,560 for 13 hours of investigation and research and site visit to the proposed site of the new BOJ Construction.

The total warrant was \$\$1985.05

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Deb Anderson, Chairman

Voted & Approved