



## **Plympton Bylaw Review Committee**

Minutes for October 21, 2021

Deborah Sampson Meeting Room &

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The meeting, having been duly posted with an agenda, was opened by Chair, Alan Wheelock at 6:34 PM.

**Present:** Alan Wheelock, Dave Alberti, Amy Cronin, Kim Russo, Dominique Sampson and Ann Sobolewski.

**Regrets:** Jean Cohen

**Guest:** Kevin Rafferty

1. **Minutes.** The October 7<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved as written.
2. **Potential new BLRC Member.** Kevin Rafferty's nomination was submitted to the Selectmen for consideration to be appointed to the Committee.
3. **Informational Sheets.** One last review prior to forwarding to Town Administrator.
4. **Future BLRC projects.**
  - a) Groundwater Protection Bylaw (Alan and Dominique). Alan provided the Rehoboth Water District bylaws (enacted about 10 years ago) and has connected with Bill Napolitano. He has been assigned by SRPPD to assist to create a Plympton Water Overlay District. Alan and Dominique will be talking with some people in Rehoboth including their Town Administrator (if they have one), Conservation Commission and their Zoning Enforcement Officer. Has the Planning Board been asked to consider issuing a permit for this bylaw? It's meant to protect the purity of the drinking water.
  - b) Dog Kennels (Ann, Jean and Kevin). No update this week. Currently there's a conflict in the rules regarding kennels. There are questions about breeding, overnight boarding, etc. The team has reviewed the state kennel law. The group will check with K&P Law to see if there's already something developed or proactive guidance.
  - c) Edits to Code (Dave and Ann). The changes were reviewed. As long as none of the edits change the intent of the law, it can be corrected without a Town Meeting vote. The Town Clerk will work with General Code to incorporate the changes. So far, there are 23 pages with edits, including typos and punctuation; other changes have substance that will need further discussion. There were obvious typos like "govern-mental". Dave was asked to

check with the Town Clerk to check if, per our contract, ask if it is General Code's responsibility to scan for little errors?

Also, Alan will forward Ann's text found on the Cambridge MA site to the Town Clerk as a disclaimer on the website regarding the General Code document to be consistent with a multitude of towns.

Changes will be made to add terms to the Schedule of Uses. It appears we will have 5 warrant articles as a result of their work. There are 2 categories of changes (simple and more complex). The more complex: setback definitions, retreat lot access and retreat lots in general, parking regulations and clarification on trailers/mobile homes.

Kim will help with trailers; Amy will help with setback definitions; and Kevin will take retreat lots.

d) Sprinklering 3000 ft<sup>2</sup> new dwelling units (Amy). This appears to be a more long-term goal. Chief Silva attended a meeting last week in Duxbury regarding the general topic and Amy will get an update.

e) Solid Waste and Illegal Dumping Bylaw (Kim). Kim reported that we really don't have much regarding dumping on your own property. As background, there was a case of landscaping refuse being dumped on Center Street on a newly purchased 4-acre property bought by a resident of Plymouth. There were two dirt roads put into the property as well. Residents have seen large trucks entering with debris. It is thought that there was existing bylaw in the "Solid Waste" section that prohibited refuse from being dumped any distance from the road less than 60'. Kim will check with Town Counsel to see what Bylaw they used to send a cease and desist to the violator.

**Next Meetings:** The next scheduled meetings are Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The Committee's regular meeting schedule is the first and third Thursday of each month, starting at 6:30 PM.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Alan Wheelock at 7:52 pm. These minutes are respectfully submitted by Amy Cronin.