



Plympton Bylaw Review Committee

Minutes for October 6th, 2022

Deborah Sampson Meeting Room

The meeting, having been duly posted with an agenda, was opened by Chair, Alan Wheelock at 6:48 PM.

Present: Alan Wheelock, Jean Cohen, Amy Cronin, and Ann Sobolewski

Regrets: Kevin Rafferty, Dave Alberti and Arthur Kinsman

1. **Minutes.** The September 15th, 2022 minutes, submitted by Alan Wheelock were approved as written.
2. **BLRC Articles Approved.** We learned that all our changes to the Bylaws approved at the Town Meeting have been approved by the Attorney General.
3. **Recap of six years of work (2016-2022).** Alan handed out his summary of our work to date. He noted that it is a logical start to the new work year for the Committee. The Committee should review and finalize, and then submit to all departments.
4. **Parking Lot Items:**
 - Sprinklering houses greater than 3000 ft²; and parking regulations.
 - Do setbacks apply to tennis courts, swimming pools – do they count as a structure?
 - There are some zoning terminology changes (like light manufacturing versus light industrial which is supposed to be the same thing).
 - Animal Control Officer. We have an agreement with the Town of Carver that we share their Animal Control Officer. There is no entity that will inspect a property when a kennel is being proposed. It was questioned if the barn inspector (Brian Kling) could also inspect for kennels; he inspects 100+ pigs, cows, chicken coops, all animals, etc. It was discussed that Brian Kling noted that he didn't have the proper tools to perform the job (canine catching tools, tranquilizer gun and gun for injured deer, etc.). A job position with tools provided is needed. It's possible a student in the ag program or 4H could be a future candidate. This could be a project to pass on to the Town Administrator, Liz.
 - Solid Waste and Illegal Dumping Bylaw
 - 300-6.3 Trailers/mobile homes
 - Groundwater Protection Overlay District Bylaw (Alan and Dominique). After studying the current Floodplain and Watershed Protection District, Section 300-8.1 – highlighted by Ann Sobolewski at the February 17th BLRC meeting – Alan concluded that, before the Town can adopt the Rehoboth Groundwater protection language, it will be necessary to reconcile the existing Plympton regulations against the Rehoboth by-law. The amount of

overlap - or even potential conflicts – has to be reviewed carefully before bringing this issue to the voters.

- Setback definitions in §300-5.1 through 300-5-7 (Amy)
- Bylaw to Promote Clear Marking of Driveways.
- Kennels
- Key Lock Boxes
- 300-7.1 General provisions, Section (A)(1) change “maximum” to “minimum”?
- Clarify the varying terms “access area” and “roadway” in Articles 34 and 35.
- 300-8.3(E)3 – it was questioned if the numbers should be I, II and III (not just II). This is likely an error as it was believed to be in the prior bylaws correctly.

Next Meetings: The Committee’s regular meeting schedule is the first and third Thursday of each month, starting at 6:30 PM. The next one will be on October 20th.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Alan Wheelock at 7:30 pm. These minutes are respectfully submitted by Amy Cronin.