



Plympton Bylaw Review Committee

Minutes for April 7, 2022
Deborah Sampson Meeting Room

The meeting, having been duly posted with an agenda, was opened by Chair, Alan Wheelock at 6:57 PM.

Present: Alan Wheelock, Dave Alberti, Jean Cohen, Amy Cronin, Arthur Kinsman, Kevin Rafferty, and Ann Sobolweski

Regrets: Dominique Sampson

Guests: Fire Chief Silva and Capt Sjostedt

1. **Minutes.** The March 17th minutes, submitted by Amy Cronin were approved as amended.
2. **Fire Department Ideas.** Chief Silva believed that the issue of house numbers is appropriately covered in the State Fire Code and MGL Chapter 148, §59 states that every building in the state must have clearly visible address numbers posted.

Captain Sjostedt addressed the issue of residential home sprinklers. In looking at other towns, Carver got multi-family units sprinklered. They questioned if the town would even be able to do it because the Building Code defines what is sprinklered. These are questions that will need further research. It was questioned if our subdivision rules cover those issues.

The Department is in the process of measuring driveways. For those over 1000', they are measuring them to be educated ensure the length of the hose is appropriate in the event of an emergency.

The subject of Key Lock Boxes was raised for buildings with sprinklers or fire detection systems. The Chief and Captain provided draft text for consideration.

3. **Resignation of BLRC member.** Dominique tendered her resignation. We thank her for her service.
4. **Dog Kennels, Chapter 132.** The BLRC will continue work on this issue for future submission.
5. **Zoning Enforcement Officer Compensation.** Alan will send the letter to the BOS for their consideration.
6. **Warrant Articles.** Warrant articles that were submitted includes the following:
 - BOH penalty structure, a new (D) in Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article II as follows:
Board of Health violations. All regulations enacted by the Board of Health may be enforced through non-criminal disposition by Board of Health members or its designee(s). Violations shall be subject to a written warning for the first offense, and shall be subject to payment of the following fines:
\$50.00 for 2nd offense

\$75.00 for 3rd offense

\$100.00 for 4th and all subsequent offenses

- General Bylaw changes to Section 135 Dogs and Zoning Bylaw Table of Uses;
- Multiple warrant articles to correct scribes/technical errors and miscellaneous;
- A retreatment lot enhancement warrant article;
- Railroad zoning map;
- Retreat lots
- Fixing the language in 300.5.0

7. 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 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

Next Meetings: The next scheduled meetings are Thursday, April 21st and May 5th. 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 Chair, Alan Wheelock at 7:50 pm. These minutes are respectfully submitted by Amy Cronin.