



Plympton Bylaw Review Committee

Minutes for May 6, 2021

6:30 PM, Zoom Call

There was a joint meeting of the BLRC, Planning Board, and Open Space Committees. The meeting, having been duly posted with an agenda, was opened by Chair, Alan Wheelock at 6:31 PM.

Bylaws Review Committee Members Present, via Zoom: Ted Taranto, Kim Russo, Alan Wheelock, Ann Sobolewski, Dave Alberti, and Amy Cronin

Regrets: Dominique Sampson, Jean Cohen

Open Space and Planning Board Members Present via Zoom: Linda Leddy, Susan Ossoff, Jane Schulze, Gavin Murphy, Vicki Alberti, and John Schmid

Guests: Bill Napolitano (Senior Environmental Planner from SERPDE, the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District), Brian Vasa (Plympton Conservation Agent) and Selectman Mark Russo.

- 1. MVP Presentation.** The attendees listened to presentations on Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) and that members of the Planning Board and Open Space Committees were there as well. There was a review of the tools provided by Mass Audubon that help communities in Massachusetts evaluate existing zoning by-laws and rate those by-laws in regard to their efficacy – or lack thereof – in protecting natural resources, fostering resiliency, and preserving the environment. This program was developed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and supported by Mass Audubon.

- 2. Relevant Links for Reference.**

Presentation Video (start at 29:55):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDfermu54V4>

Presentation Slides:

https://sppedd.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/22203219/2021-04-22_LID-and-resilient-bylaw-reform_Mass-Audubon.pdf

Bylaw Review Tool (Tab 6: Zoning Subdiv SPR SW Analysis):

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/129rdKSLq0thSGLE9SuEcPjTyelyLcggG/view?usp=sharing>

- 3. Path Forward.** It was decided that we would take the current subdivision control rules and process them through the MA Audubon tool, with the help of the MA Audubon.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be a joint meeting of the committees again on May 26th. In general, Bylaw Review Committee meetings are typically held every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Alan Wheelock at 7:50 pm. These minutes are respectfully submitted by Amy Cronin.