

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Meeting – October 22, 2019

Present: Board Members, Rick Burnet, Ami Dion, Linda Leddy, Mike Matern, Marta Nover.

Not Present: Amy Cronin

Mr. Burnet called the meeting to order at 6:30.

1. Correspondence:

Rick Olivier - Requesting a COC. Asking about how to put land in conservation restriction. Linda Leddy will handle his request.

2. Building Applications:

138 Center Street, Construction of a single-family house. Commission had previously approved this project. Rick Burnet signed off.

337 Main Street, (auto body shop), construction of 40'x40' building. The Commission determined that it is not within the jurisdiction of the Commission (determined to be non-jurisdictional) and was signed off by Rick Burnet.

Old Business:

3. 0 & 37 Lake Street - 7:00 pm

Sara Stearns, representing Larry & SunRaise, is working with neighbors to move infrastructure further from neighboring properties. The southern array was expanded slightly but is nowhere near the 100' buffer. They are addressing more screening to help neighbors.

They are reviewing changes per John Chessia's report.

The BSC report was just received late Friday, so they haven't had a chance to review yet. They requested to contact BSC directly to address some clarification issues. All correspondence would be sent to the plymptonconcom@gmail.com address.

They are still working with Natural Heritage. Notice of project change to MESA.

0 & 37 Lake continued to 11/5 at 7:10pm

4. 399 Main Street 7:12 pm

Dean Smith from Borrego Solar. Ami read the notice. Clearing some trees in the back - about 2.25 acres, 2.25 megawatts d/c, 2.0 megawatts a/c. 7 acres for the full solar project. Single lighting pole, chain link fence, minimal earth disturbance. All of the facilities, construction, or structures will be outside of the 50' no-touch zone. Following the existing driveways to the equipment areas. The project will be flagged before the site walk. There will be a 6" wildlife gap for the fence.

Mike Nash, 159 N. Main, Carver is concerned about a ditch at the southern end of the property.

392 Main Street, Michele Llanes is concerned about keeping the foliage.

Borrego does not use any herbicides. Natural growth will return. Native grasses, mowed several times a year. The operations and maintenance report was submitted. Concern about well water leeching metal into the ground. Decommissioning is the responsibility of the system owner, a bond covers the cost of decommissioning if the company goes away. No site grading. No Natural Heritage on this site. Provide sheets on the metallurgy of the screws to mount the panels. 6-8' deep does not get close to groundwater.

Site walk - TBD. Ami to talk to Brian to coordinate with Dean.

399 Main continued to 11/19 at 7:00pm - Scope of work.

New Business:

5. 0 Prospect Road Solar Application

Brendon Reali, Atlantic Design Engineers, 0 Prospect Road (Richard Johnson) brought in the checks. The application is now complete, with additional fees agreed to be paid before the conclusion of the hearing. The applicant agreed to open the hearing on 11/19 at 7:05pm.

6. Discussion about fees.

FYI - Solar bylaws are now complete. The hearing will be on 11/12.

Adjournment 8:17 pm

Minutes recorded by Ami Dion.