

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Meeting – January 7, 2020

Present: Board Members, Rick Burnet, Amy Cronin, Linda Leddy and Marta Nover; and Conservation Agent, Brian Vasa

Not Present: Mike Matern

Mr. Burnet called the meeting to order at 6:35

1. Correspondence.

- ☐ Brian received an email from Mr. Penney regarding 19 Main Street that Bertrand Drilling will be drilling on 1/10 or 1/11/20.
- ☐ The BOH sent a note that 4 Mayflower Road will be having a perc test on January 14th.

New Business

2. Building Permits Received.

41 Ring Road, pool and barn construction. Owners Christina and Andrew. Bullman submitted a permit to build a barn and pool. There were questions if the barn could be built. Per the wetlands bylaw regulations, Article II, §12 Vernal pools, functionally, the barn must be 200' away from the actual pool (100' boundary with 100' distance). It was questioned if the barn location could be moved to avoid this resource area or file for an NOI (Notice of Intent). The Commission noted the pool is fine.

16 Thomas Blanchard 16' x 22' addition. The Commission determined that it is not within the jurisdiction of the Commission (determined to be non-jurisdictional) and was signed off.

3. Budget. There is \$34 left in the budget; this is due to payment to Grady Engineering that should've come out of the land acquisition fund. A memo was signed to shift the funds.

4. Procedures. In order to get on the agenda, we need a deadline for all submissions because many submitters don't have their materials and cancel the hearings. If materials aren't in 7 days before the meeting, they won't be placed on the agenda; the initial application materials must be submitted at a meeting.

Old Business

5. NOI Outside Review. There was further discussion about having a company to review incoming Notices of Intent (NOIs) for complicated projects. It would not need to go out to bid.

6. 0 Maple Street NOI Hearing Continuation – single-family home construction (Map 6, Parcel & Lot numbers 2-3a). A public hearing was continued to consider an application under the Town of Plympton Wetland Protection Act General Municipal Bylaw Section

XXVIII. The proposal is to construct a single-family residence with driveway, septic system, lawn area and utilities with wetland enhancements. Nathaniel Stevens of McGregor & Legere and Dan Orwig of Orwig Consulting presented the new plan. They have met with David Paulson of Natural Heritage and he approved the plans for a turtle habitat; a letter of approval was obtained.

Paul McManus, EcoTec Wetlands Scientists put in his 07-31-17 report that due to the time of year, definitive assessment of the hydrology must be done in the Spring. Marti will go by and take a look at the area. If it appears any vernal pools are on the property, the Commission will have testing done in the Spring. Nathaniel Stevens noted that the BVW line was approved and is good for three years; he acknowledged that this doesn't apply to the vernal pool. Regarding the easement, the parking spaces will remain.

Neighbor Ray Correia of 112 Maple Street had several comments regarding the proposal and the parcel, which include the following:

He noted that the culvert pipes are not noted on the plans. There's been water at the road all winter with frog eggs in the water. It was noted that a small space won't help the turtles. Mr. Letourneau is the previous owner of Greg Black's property (aerial view) where the entrance to the property was wooded and wetlands. Mr. Letourneau reported to Mr. Correia that Mr. Black borrowed his bulldozer and bulldozed the wetlands areas to level and fill them; Mr. Correia noted the core samples show buried timber and is more wetlands than are identified. He believes another wetlands core sample should be done. He noted that if you build a basement, it will be filled with water. It was noted that the perc was done in the summer and was "questionable". If any limit of work changes with the septic, the plan would have to come back to the Commission. Mr. Stevens noted that if there was wetlands alteration, that would need to be a separate enforcement issue; nothing has been done in the last year.

Regarding the septic system, the system is designed and will be submitted to the Board of Health (BOH). The Commission is concerned about where the filings will be placed.

It was questioned what benefit it is to the public to provide these variances. The proponents said the turtle habitat will be a benefit; Mr. Correia noted that it's all a huge turtle habitat currently.

A continuance was requested for the February 4th meeting at 7:05.

7. 0 Main Street. At the request of the applicant, the Commission voted unanimously to continue the hearing until 2/4/20.

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9. Two Brooks Preserve. There is wet siltation coming onto Two Brooks Preserve potentially from Middleboro/Carver area. Calls will be made to both town's conservation agents. Rick walked the area and there's a bog owned by Richard Johnson (Carver resident regarding property on Prospect Road) where there are bare banks of the Whet Stone Brook (no vegetation) therefore there's erosion. The erosion and sediment control plan should be

done. A letter will be sent to ask Mr. Johnson to come in.

10. Remaining Considerations (Parking Lot issues). The following are items on which the Commission still needs to act on or consider.

Letter Regarding Work Near Wetlands - Property on Rt. 58 near town line.

There has been no response to the letter was written from the Conservation Commission to Amanda Monti reminding her that any work within 100' of the bordering vegetated wetlands (BVW) or 200' of a river must be first approved by the Commission. It was noted that clearing had been done, and the Commission requested a site walk to review the work. Ami Dion will send another letter.

Carey Auto Property. The Commission sent the Building Department a request on June 21, 2018 to determine if sandblasting is occurring, and if so, if it is permitted. Sandblasting is a concern from a wetlands perspective as well. No response yet. A second e-mail was sent from Amy Cronin on 9/17/19.

Gazzola County Road DEP Case. Need an update for this.

Minutes. The minutes from the 10/22/19, 11/19/19 and 12/17/19 meetings were reviewed and approved with amendments.

Next Meetings: The next meetings will be held January 21st and February 4th at 6:30 pm. Meetings are typically held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm by a motion from Ms. Nover and seconded by Ms. Leddy, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin