

**Plympton Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes of Open Meeting – July 18, 2019**

**Present:** Board Members: Rick Burnet, Amy Cronin, Ami Dion, Linda Leddy and Mike Matern

**Not Present:** Marta Nover

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

**Old Business**

**1. Regulations Hearing.** The Plympton Halifax Reporter article advertising the hearing for the Conservation Commission Regulations was read. The hearing was held at the Plympton Library. A review of the Regulations was done, and copies of the table of contents was distributed. There were no questions or issues raised. Linda Leddy moved to approve the Regulations as drafted; Rick Burnet seconded. The vote to accept the Regulations as written were approved unanimously.

**2. Review of Resumes for Part-Time Conservation Agent.** The five resumes were reviewed and 3 will be interviewed sometime before August 15<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion of having this position on a contract-basis.

**3. Corner West & Elm.** There was discussion that Mr. and Mrs. Gray have put up a fence that appears to be near the wetlands along with other work. A cease and desist letter will be sent along with a request to discuss their work with the Commission. As background, a couple of years ago it appeared work had started, and a similar letter was sent; work was stopped with no discussion with the Commission.

**New Business**

**4. Solar Bylaws.** There was discussion about the solar bylaws, and the Commission will give input.

**5. 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.

**Carey Auto Property.** The Commission sent the Building Department a request 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.

**12 Prospect.** Brandon Faneuf, Wetlands Soil Scientist of Ecosystem Solutions, Inc. representing Kim and Keith Wallace appeared before the Commission to discuss his report. As background, there was activity observed on the property that was

possibly in the wetlands. A barn was put up without a permit, and from the Wallace's old plans, it appeared a fence was constructed in the wetlands. The Commission required an updated wetlands delineation be done, and to have the Commission come out and view the property; it was likely that the fence would need to be moved.

Mr. Faneuf confirmed that portions of the fence were previously in the wetlands. He also noted that the cordwood and brush piles were 125' from the wetlands. There were questions about the perennial stream, which would require 200' for other structures, but a fence couldn't impede wildlife movement. It was noted that the Wallace's have two free range horses. It appears that the property wouldn't fall within the agricultural exemptions. There were concerns about the horses impacting the wetlands water quality. The Commission voted to require the fence to be moved at least 75' from the bordering vegetated wetlands (BVW) boundary. It was requested that a letter be sent to the Commission from Mr. Faneuf confirming the understanding, containing with the Wallace's signatures indicating their agreement. Mr. Faneuf agreed to inform the Wallace's that they have a perennial stream on their property and that will also be in the letter. There is a possibility that Mr. Faneuf may submit an ANRAD during the Spring or Summer in an attempt to declassify the perennial stream.

#### **Method to track project funding.**

**Minutes.** The minutes from tonight's meeting were reviewed during the meeting.

**Next Meetings:** The next meetings will be held on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The meetings are typically held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm by a motion from Ms. Dion and seconded by Mr. Matern, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin