

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Meeting – July 10, 2018

Present: Board Members Rick Burnet, Amy Cronin, Ami Dion, Mike Matern, John Mathias and Marta Nover

Not Present: Linda Leddy

Mr. Burnet called the meeting to order at 6:40

1. Correspondence.

Bill for the annual dues for MACC; bill for EcoTech for third-party expertise on 61 Upland Road; Old Colony Agenda; and booklet containing Environmental Notification Form for a project in Ricketts Pond Business Park in Carver on Spring Street.

2. Building Permits Received.

12 Prospect. An e-mail was sent to the building department requesting that they investigate a potential violation regarding the Wallace/Doubleday household who allegedly built a 3-stall shed without a permit on a property with river and wetlands. As background, the Commission had previously sent a letter to the Wallace/Doubleday household advising them that no work can be done in the wetlands after a Commissioner witnessed work being done on their property.

The Building Department confirmed that the shed was built and sent a letter to them requesting information. Information was provided that revealed work had been done in the wetlands. A letter will be sent on behalf of the Commission directing that a wetlands delineation be completed and the fence should be moved. The Conservation Commission voted unanimously to reject the building permit for this barn.

3. Order of Conditions for 51 Cedar Street, Map 15, Parcel 1, Lot 9, Applicant Stephen Kotowski. An order of conditions (OOC) was prepared.

4. NOI Hearing continuation for property at 61 Upland Road, Map 13, Parcel 2, Lot 29D, Applicant, Borrego Solar. The hearing was continued due to the applicant's request; there was nothing to report at this time. It will be continued to August 7, 2018.

5. Complaint – Carey Auto Property. During the 2018 Town Meeting, a citizen gave a verbal complaint to two Commissioners regarding property associated with Carey Auto. Specifically, the complaint was regarding the residential lot being used for vehicle storage and possibly other purposes. The citizen complained about sandblasting being done in a tent on the property as well as filling in wetlands. As a result, the Commission voted to send 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.

6. 129 County Road – Dan Gazzola. Marta Nover wrote a letter to DEP to express concerns about the ongoing work on a property with wetlands; a DEP site visit is imminent.

New Business

7. Project in Ricketts Pond Business Park in Carver bordering Plympton.

Correspondence was received from McKenzie Engineering Group. The project proponents would need to be aware that Plympton has an Earth Removal Bylaw to which they must comply. Amy Cronin will send an e-mail comment on behalf of the Commission to Secretary Matthew A. Beaton, Commonwealth of MA, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs – MEPA Office, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114.

8. Atwood Property Acquisition. The Conservation Commission voted unanimously to support the acquisition of the Atwood Property to help protect the interests of the Wetlands Protection Act.

9. Commissioner Resignation. John Mathias will no longer reside in Plympton, and therefore resigned from the Commission. Chair Rick Burnet thanked him for his decades of service to the Town of Plympton on the Conservation Commission.

10. Remaining Tasks to Complete. The following are items the Commission still needs to act on.

12 Prospect. Ami Dion will send a letter on behalf of the Conservation Commission to Wallace/Doubleday household directing them to do a new wetlands delineation and move their fence that is clearly depicted in the wetlands.

Ricketts Pond Project, Carver. Amy Cronin will send an e-mail comment to the Secretary to ensure they know that Plympton now has an Earth Removal Bylaw.

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.

122 County Road – Mr. Bern. It was noticed that additional work has been done and a cease and desist letter will be issued.

Minutes. The minutes from the June 19th meeting were accepted with amendments.

Next Meetings: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 7th at 6:30 pm. The meetings are typically held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of month but are changed this month due to the Independence Day holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm by a motion from Mr. Mathias and seconded by Ami Dion, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin