

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Meeting – August 7, 2018

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 6:40

1. Correspondence.

Letters included notification of an increase of the IRS Mileage rate to \$0.545/mile; one member can sign warrants without a vote of the body and must report to the group; MassDOT will be doing resurfacing; letter from Ocean River Institute; Rickett's Pond Development provided additional information; MA Divn of Fisheries & Wildlife documenting 2 vernal pools behind Dennett and near 60 Prospect; confirmation from DEP to visit Dan Gazzola at 129 County Road at 10 am on August 15th.

2. Building Permits Received. None

Old Business

3. NOI Hearing continuation for property at 61 Upland Road, Map 13, Parcel 2, Lot 29D, Applicant, Borrego Solar. Evan Watson from Prime Engineering representing Borrego Solar appeared with John Thomas of SWCA Environmental Consultants. The Commission hired third-party experts Art Allen of EcoTec (wetlands) and John Chessia (stormwater design) to check the designs. There was extensive discussion from the wetland scientist, John Thomas about the site to determine where the wetland boundaries are located. Art, Marti and John Thomas will need to discuss the differences in opinion.

New Business

4. Abbreviated Notice of Resource Delineation (ANRAD) request for 165 Palmer Road. The wetlands line needs to be confirmed. This property is commercial/residentially zoned and was approved for a home but is currently being used to store heavy equipment. A check for the fees was submitted. A hearing will be scheduled.

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

12 Prospect. Ami Dion sent 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. Mr. Wallace called the Building Department and was advised to come to the August 7th meeting. Per the July 12, 2018 letter, the Wallace's have 60 days to move their fence.

As background, 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 was 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.

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.

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.

Minutes. The minutes from the July 10th meeting were accepted as written.

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

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

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin