

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Meeting – June 4, 2019

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

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

1. Correspondence. Mr. Bern on County Road sent a lengthy letter in response to the cease and desist letter; he contends he's doing only work that was ok'd by the Commission.

New Business

2. Building Permits Received.

19 Brackett Terrace deck. The applicant Jennifer Hebert applied to build a 14' x 16' deck. The work was not within the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission, so the permit was signed off by the Commission.

104 Main Street horse barn. The applicant Pamela Berry applied to build a 36' x 48' Morton Building to serve as a horse barn. The work was not within the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission, so the permit was signed off by the Commission.

3. Warrants. Warrants were signed for postage, Art Allen (Ecotec), Northern Woodlands; 2 Brooks Preserve advertising, registering and deeds; attendance costs for Commissioner Linda Leddy's conferences

Old Business

4. 138 Center Street. The Commission signed the Order of Conditions.

5. Conservation Agent. The Conservation Agent job was posted with a closing date of July 15th.

6. Renewal of Terms. Marta Nover and Amy Cronin's terms must be renewed before the next meeting.

7. Bridge Repair Update. Scott Ripley, Plympton Highway Superintendent reported that in August or September, work will be done on Winnetuxet Road bridge to repair 2 rotting posts and railings. They will be replaced with sleeve posts with fiberglass. The estimated cost is \$121,000. The contractor will need to coordinate with the Conservation Commission before work begins.

8. 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.

(possibly resolved) 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.

Minutes. The minutes from the April 23, 2019 minutes were approved as written.

Next Meetings: The next meetings will be held on June 18th and July 2nd. The meetings are typically held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of month at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm by a motion from Ms. Dion and seconded by Ms. Nover, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin