

TOWN OF PLYMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

PLANNING BOARD

Plympton Planning Board - Minutes – 3/7/2023

Members present: A Sobolewski, J. Cohen, J. Schmid
Meeting opened 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order/Agenda
2. **117 Lake St. (Continued)**

Movement: Ms. Sobolewski to continue the hearing on 117 Lake St. to March 21, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

2nd: Mr. Schmid

Approved: Unanimously

3. Mr. Bloomquist appeared with an ANR request for Palmer Rd. Plans completed by Webby Engineering. The plan meets all requirements for frontage and lot size and was signed off by the Board.
4. **0 and 37 Lake St. (Continued)**

This application was originally approved in January 2020 but has come back before the Board multiple times due to screening issues. Robb D'Ambrosio the attorney appearing for New Leaf Energy has had several meetings with the Beckwiths and stated several plans have been presented but he doesn't believe full screening is immediately possible. Ms. Sobolewski reminded him that is what's required in the bylaws. Mr. D'Ambrosio replied he was under the impression the screening had to be complete in three years. It is impossible to plant 30 foot trees. Ms. Sobolewski reminded him that the lot was not supposed to be clear cut. Mr. D'Ambrosio asked what they could do now. Mr. Beckwith stated they had asked about a lifted fence but was told that wouldn't work. None of the plans presented guarantee full screening. Ms. Sobolewski asked if there was a way to make a 15 foot berm. Mr. D'Ambrosio replied there were other considerations such as a turtle habitat and the sail issue with the fence. Mr. Beckwith feels that the "experts" should be able to solve this issue. Mr. D'Ambrosio feels the screening issues cannot be resolved on day 1, it's going to take some time. Ms. Sobolewski reminded him the plan presented assured the board the project would be fully screened from abutters. Mr. Schmid asked if they could guarantee that any of the proposals presented would provide full screening within 3 years. No. Mrs. Beckwith stated she did not want to see the panels. Ms. Sobolewski stated the Town Engineer could do a review and see if there might be anything he would suggest. Mr. Cohen asked about the possibility of the panels

being tilted down. Mr. D'Ambrosio said they would agree to planting an additional 50 trees but they are going to take time to grow. Mr. Beckwith said he'd like to see what the Town Engineer would have to say. Ms. Sobolewski is going to reach out to Mr. Chessia. An engineer from Weston and Sampson appearing on another matter stated hemlocks would be a good screen. He also suggested a 15 foot privacy fence close to the Beckwith property line. Mr. D'Ambrosio seemed doubtful. Mr. Schmid strongly encouraged Mr. D'Ambrosio to have Mr. Chessia go to the property to review. Mr. D'Ambrosio is concerned about time added and missing the planting season if there is no agreement soon.

5. Ring Rd. Solar (Extension)

This is a dual use solar array, the plans originally submitted and approved have not changed. The company handling it now is Greenbacker. The expected start date will be between October and December,

Movement: Ms. Sobolewski to grant a one year requested extension for Ring Rd.,
LLC
2nd: Mr. Schmid
Approved Unanimously

5. Minutes

Movement: Ms. Sobolewski to approve the minutes of 2/21/2023 as written
2nd: Mr. Cohen
Approved: Unanimously