

Plympton Planning Board meeting 9-12-16

Present: Chairman Irving Butler, Deborah Anderson, William McClellan, and Paul D'angelo.

Absent: John Rantuccio

We will next meet September 26, at the Town House, at 7 p.m.

Plympton Planning Board met Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7 p.m

Chairman Irv Butler called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Motion to pay a bill totaling \$547.50 from John Chessia, engineer, for his August 12, 2016 work was made by William McClellan, second by Paul D'Angelo. Motion carried. The bill was for invoice number 1601 for a four hour site visit with members of the Conservation Commission done at the BlueWave site on Lake St., and time to make the plan.

Board approved the division of property by Anne Collins estate to Ross, for land which is roughly a half acre, which abuts his property on the other side of the Winnetuxet River. The land had been separated from the main Collins property by the river until Mr. Ross purchased it. Motion by McClellan, second D'Angelo; motion carried.

Zachary Farkes and Dean Smith of Borrego Solar brought a plan of land on Brook Street owned by Neil and Linda Vopat which the Planning Board had approved last winter. TJA Solar was the original solar company that was building the project. TJA is gone, and Borrego is now putting forth the project. They are proposing that within the boundaries of the 25 acre parcel, which is a conglomeration of several parcels, to reconfigure several parcels for their purposes. The Planning Board will consider the proposal, and Farkes said that Borrego has a letter from the Mass Department of Energy saying they approve it. Farkes will send a copy of that letter to the Planning Board tomorrow, so that the board will have it to review. Borrego Solar will return to our next meeting, Sept. 26, for the decision.

A Borrego Solar project at 0 Spring Street has returned to the Planning Board tonight with concerns from the neighbors because the clear-cutting that was done in error and reported last meeting has actually continued, with further damage to the no touch zone. Chairman Butler expressed the board's anger that the plans approved were being ignored and a cease order issued two weeks has also been ignored with further damage and clear-cutting to very much destroy the landscape. Borrego said they didn't know why the further damage was done and would reiterate to their contractor that all work would stop until a plan can be "figured out." Atty. Henry S. Levin, representing the abutters, said that his group would like to have a horticulturalist or arborist to review a plan proposed by a Borrego arborist and the two factions could reach an agreement of mitigation. Once the plan is decided upon by the two groups, they will bring it to the Planning Board for approval. Until such plan is presented to the board, there will be no further work done at 0 Spring Street. Once planting has commenced to the approval of the neighbors and the Planning Board, work can commence, and not until.

Butler proposed that a bond be required of any solar project at the time of application through completion of construction in addition to the bond for demolition at the end of the project's proposed life. D'Angelo seconded. Carried unanimously.

Second motion by Butler: On all solar projects we hire a consultant to oversee the project, protecting the interests of the Town of Plympton. Second by McClellan, carried unanimously.

Butler moved that we increase the escrow amount on all solar projects to \$1,000 which will also cover the initial review by Plympton's engineer. Second by McClellan. Carried unanimously.

Butler dictated a Cease and Desist Order for the 0 Spring St. location to be sent to Borrego via certified mail and also by email to Zachary Farkas and Dean Smith, both of Borrego Solar Systems, both of whom were present at the meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 9:08 p.m.