

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Meeting – June 6, 2017

Members: Ami Dion, Linda Leddy, John Mathias, Marta Nover
Absent: Richard Burnet, Amy Cronin

Meeting opened at 6:57 pm

Mail Received:

- 1) Correspondence from Town Offices
 - a. 6/5/17 from Treasurer re: Wages FY 2018
- 2) Receipt confirmation of correspondence to Adam Costa, 0 Maple Street
- 3) Receipt confirmation of correspondence to Richard Bern, 122 County Road
- 4) Statement from Express Newspapers for ad dated 3/10/17
- 5) 4 folders from Building Department (see New Business)
- 6) Notice of Sale from Orleans PC regarding 150 County Road land foreclosure case

Old Business:

Violation at 122 County Road, Richard Bern

Members of the Commission had done a site visit to assess the damage from clearing the property within the wetlands. It was decided to set a date for Commission members to walk the property with the owner and make suggestions to what can be done to help restore the wetlands to its original condition. Mr. Bern will be in touch to give suggested dates for this site visit.

Restoration at 0 Spring Street, Borrego Solar

David Foster from Foster Creative Designs (landscaper hired by Borrego Solar) presented an alternative plan to restore area clear cut. Because of the topography, planting the size of trees authorized would require machinery that might do more damage to the wetlands and vernal pool. They asked if smaller trees could be substituted and add a 3rd row. These trees could be installed by hand. The Commission approved their proposal but would visit the site before signing off on the Certificate of Compliance.

Brook Street access road to Borrego Solar field

Bates is the contractor and Dean Smith from Borrego received word that they had finished grading and seeding. The Commission will check it out and get back to Borrego with any further concerns.

41 Ring Road

Even though the Commission does not have “official” jurisdiction, Ms. Dion was asked to contact the owners to get permission to visit the site.

23 Ring Road

Ms. Dion to contact the owners to wrap up any outstanding issues with their RDA.

0 Center Street

Work is done according to the applicant. Ms. Nover to write letter about planting appropriate wetlands vegetation.

0 Maple Street

No updates.

Lot across from Sunrise Gardens

The Commission needs to send a letter because they appear to be in violation of their negative determination. Ms. Nover plans to do a site visit. It appears to be jurisdictional.

Hearings

Opened NOI continuation hearing on 0 Maple Street, Black, Map 6, Parcel 2, Lot 3A at 7:00 pm.

Dan Orwig had reflagged the site and presented a revised site plan. The major change was that a portion of the driveway no longer was within 25' of the bvw.

Neighbors Ray Correia (112 Maple Street) and Michael Matern (113 Maple Street) voiced concerns that the new delineation was significantly different from the 206 wetlands delineation with is on file at the Registry of Deeds.

It was decided that the project required a peer review and Ms. Nover volunteered to put together a scope and send it out to bid. This will include reviewing the bvw boundary (soil evaluation) as well as grading. As soon as we have received responses, the Commission will get in touch with the applicant to secure the financing before the review can proceed.

Ms. Nover made a motion (seconded by Ms. Leddy) to continue the hearing to the first meeting in July. The motion passed unanimously.

Opened NOI continuation hearing on 61 Crescent Street, Thompson Map 7, Parcel 4, Lot 2-B at 7:25 pm.

Ken Thompson presented the Commission members revised plans which has the house moved slightly uphill, however, the limit of work remains the same. This revised plan includes the driveway, grading and erosion controls as requested. He also provide all the wetland markers on a colored drawing as requested.

The Commission voiced concern regarding

- The distance from the limited of work to the vernal pool;
- Detail around the house regard the French drain and ground water recharge;
- Show exactly where the house is being moved;
- Grading for culverts to avoid rivulets

A neighbor, David Gerety from 69 Crescent Street shared comments/concerns regarding the project.

It was decided that the project required a peer review because of the design and the area's seasonal high ground water. Ms. Nover volunteered to put together a scope and send it out to bid. This will include checking the soils. As soon as we have received responses, the Commission will get in touch with the applicant to secure the financing before the review can proceed. Ms. Nover made a motion (seconded by Ms. Dion) to continue the hearing to the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Paul Ledwell came in to ask about to see if an outstanding Order of Conditions from West Street dated from 2010 is still valid. We directed him to the BOH to get an extension on his septic system.

Jeff Randall wants to build a marijuana facility in Plymouth. Because of the bad press he received on wetlands violations in Plympton, he requests a letter from the Commission confirming that he had done what was asked of him. We will tell Jeff to write the letter and the Commission members will sign.

Ms. Leddy brought up a potential land donation of approximately 18 acres on the Jones River Brook adjacent to the Parks. She made a motion for the Commission to approve having Town Council investigate if this land is safe for us to accept. The cost for their work is estimated at \$1,200. Ms. Nover seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Building Department Requests

Several orange folders did not contain site plans. Ms. Dion is to contact Kathy Wright to remind her that site plans are needed before the Commission can review these requests.

33 Colchester Street to remove existing second floor and reframe adding an additional bedroom. No site plan. Returned to building Department.

17 Granville Baker Way to replace deck. No site plan. Returned to Building Department.

6 Dukes Brook Road – 1 ½ story garage. No site plan. Returned to Building Department
53 Ring Road for a 1 story shed. Mr. Mathias signed off. It is out of our jurisdiction.

Motion made by Ms. Dion to close the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Burnet and the vote was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Ami Dion.