Plympton Conservation Commission Minutes of Open Meeting – October 4, 2016

Members: Richard Burnet, Chair, Ami Dion, Linda Leddy, Marta Nover

Absent: Amy Cronin, John Mathias

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm

Old Business:

Maple Street Parcel 6-3-6 - Discussion

Ilana Quirk, Town Counsel, has drafted a letter for the Commission to consider sending to the Maple Street LLC owner. (The letter is not in the public domain, as it is confidential, under legal definitions.) The Commission reviewed the draft as well as the current status of the parcel, as conveyed to us via the Town Building Inspector and Town Counsel. The wetlands flagging on the parcel has badly deteriorated since being placed in 2006. The owner has been told via Town Counsel that new flagging is needed for the Commission to proceed. Therefore, the Commission will modify the draft letter to reflect this need, and to remind the owner once again that he must submit an application for an Amended Order, as well as an updated, stamped plan. The Commission also noted that the letter should reflect that the Commission is attempting to work cooperatively with the owner. (Ms. Leddy, Ms. Dion and the other members also noted they have no antipathy to the project's purpose, but cannot proceed since the owner has not made any application to the Commission since February 2015.) The Commission will update the draft letter, ask Counsel for any further comments, and meet in the next week to finalize the letter and send it to the land owner.

It was also agreed that the Commission would prepare a Cease and Desist Order in the event that the applicant begins work without the Commission's authorization. Ms. Dion agreed to draft this document and share everyone's contact information.

117 Lake Street – Solar Project Discussion

The Commission reviewed John Chessia's bi-monthly report, which suggested a closer look at the basins. It was decided that the Commission will visit the site to review.

134 Brook Street

Received official withdrawal of the access road to the Solar Project so that the Building Permit could be signed.

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O Spring Street – Solar Project Restoration Discussion

Dean Smith from Borego Solar came in to discuss the unauthorized clearing that took place within the Commission's jurisdiction. He stated that Brad Holmes was under contract to propose a restoration plan. The Commission requested that mature trees be replanted and there be a green space by the fence with native seed mixes. In addition, the silt fence needs to be moved and staked. This is all within the 100' buffer of a vernal pool.

23 Ring Road - Discussion

In order to get up to speed with this property, Ms. Nover did a site visit to confirm that work was done within 100' of wetland and 200' of riverfront without a valid order of conditions.

Hearings

7:00 and 7:05 pm - NOI Hearings on the 2 adjacent properties on Ring Road

The Commission received a request from Joe Webby to continue both projects. Ms. Nover made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leddy to continue both hearings until October 18, 2016

7:30 – New RDA Hearing for 99 Main Street, Bob Andrews.

Ms. Nover volunteered to draft a list of information the Commission will need in order to render a decision whether the property in question is an upland bog. This hearing is continued to our next meeting.

General:

Mr. Burnet reviewed the work being done on the house at 39 Ring Road. Ms. Leddy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nover to have Mr. Burnet sign the Building Permit application if a signature was required.

It was reminded that at a previous meeting the Commission voted to authorize the Chairman to act on any Building Permits between meetings when wetlands are not affected.

Motion made by Ms. Dion to close the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Burnet and the vote was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Ami Dion.