

**Plympton Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes of Open Meeting – May 5, 2017**

**Present:** Board Members Rick Burnet, Amy Cronin, Ami Dion, Linda Leddy and Marti Nover

**Not Present:** John Mathias

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

**Correspondence**

- May 3, 2017 Memo to all Boards/Committees with an Escrow Account requesting a list of who has provided funds.
- Old Colony Planning Council Agenda dated April 26, 2017
- Green card receipt from Bob Andrews to acknowledge receipt of his RDA determination.

**New Business**

1. **Land Clearing.** The owners Barry and Carolyn Decristofano came in to discuss their proposed tree cutting (10-12 trees) on their lot between 216 Main Street and 198 Main Street. Bonney Pond and Colchester Brook and vegetated wetlands are in the proximity. They want to make a better vegetable garden and wish to have better viewing for astronomy purposes. It appears that they are more than 100' from Bonney Pond and more than 200' from Colchester Brook, but it was requested to bring in a drawing with measurements.
2. **Brook Street Solar Project.** The access road was put in and that needs stabilization and plantings.
3. **Continuation of NOI Hearing for 0 Maple Street (Map 6, Parcel 2, Lot 3A).** The hearing was requested by the applicant's representative to be continued for three months and will be scheduled in June. This will be the last continuance before renotification will be required. A site walkthrough will be completed.
4. **23 Trout Farm Lane Addition Building Permit.** The request was approved.
5. **8 Colchester Street in-ground pool Building Permit.** The request was approved.
6. **18 Spring Street above-ground pool Building Permit.** The request was approved.
7. **30 Spring Street above-ground pool Building Permit.** The request was approved.

**Old Business**

1. **122 County Road Violation.** Richard D. Bern, property owner appeared to discuss the clearing that was done up to the river's edge; it is a 7.5-acre property. A site walkthrough will be scheduled on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm; a plot plan will be brought in for the next meeting.
2. **0 Center Street Violations.** A report dated April 24, 2017 was submitted by Alan Dias to address the Enforcement Order and to detail the restoration activities. A Commission site visit was completed and it appears they have complied with most of the actions requested by the Commission, with the exception of the stabilization of the banks; more work needs to be done. Alan Diaz will be contacted.

3. **61 Crescent Street Hearing Continuation.** Property owner Ken Thompson appeared to present additional information for the proposed construction of a single-family home. Two reports from Jack O'Leary were submitted providing his opinion that one of the pools (closest to proposed construction) is not a vernal pool. In a second pool further away, it was noted during the site walkthrough by the Commissioners that the pool contained egg masses. It was requested to move the work to the far east of the stone wall as possible to ensure the construction is as far away from the vernal pool complex as possible. Mr. Thompson provided more detailed plans including grading and the Commission reviewed the plans.

The Commission asked to have the pools indicated on the plan as well as the lines more delineated (it was confusing to see the 25' no-touch versus the 100' BVW, etc.) It was discussed that the house could be situated closer to Crescent to better avoid the wetlands. Mr. Thompson said that historic trees would need to be cut in order to move the planned house. Abutter David Gerety commented that the trees that were already removed by Mr. Thompson were as large as the historic trees cited by Mr. Thompson that he doesn't want to remove. The plans will include the trees in question. The hearing will be continued until the next meeting.

4. **6-3-6 Maple Street.** A letter dated April 28, 2017 was sent to the owners to deny the request to extend the order of conditions.
5. **23 Ring Road Complaint.** There was a complaint about restoration trees falling over; the trees were fixed. In April, a restoration plan was sent by the owners to restore trees that were cut; cyprus trees were proposed by the owners. Without getting an answer from the Commission, cyprus trees were planted. A letter will be sent to them acknowledging the plantings, with the request for stabilization.
6. **273 Main Street Violations.** A letter will be sent to Mr. Jafarian to request that the 100' buffer be marked with permanent stakes; once completed the Commission will check it.
7. **41 Ring Road.** There was a complaint about erosion into the road. The Commission would like to confirm that the erosion controls are in place and will ask for permission to enter the site.
8. **Contractor Yard on Palmer Road.** The status will need to be reviewed since it seems to be in violation of the negative determination given years ago since it is being used differently than the application.
9. **Tree Clearing Request.** The Commission did a site visit in response to a request from Mike Lemieux and David Dunbar to clear trees on Main Street. The request was made by to clear fallen and selected small trees obscuring the view of the old dam site on Jones River Brook at Ring Road. The request was granted.

**Minutes.** The minutes from the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with amendments.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:30 pm

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

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin