

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Meeting – June 7, 2016

Present: Board Members Jeff Smith, Rick Burnet, Ami Dion, Linda Leddy and Amy Cronin

Not Present: John Mathias

Mr. Burnet called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Correspondence.

1. Northern Woodlands Magazine was received.
2. Eversource Energy sent a certified letter dated May 10, 2016 notifying the Board that they will be applying herbicides along power lines. This issue was discussed at the May 17 meeting and it was determined that a Keolis representative needed to appear to provide additional information.

New Business:

1. **23 Ring Road – proposed above ground pool.** The Board signed the building permit application. The Board is notifying the applicant that the Board will do a walk-through to view the status of the project.
2. **50 Ring Road home construction.** Rick Springer is applying for a building permit for a home on what will likely be designated as 50 Ring Road (Map 8 Lot C). The Planning Board gave their approval. The driveway and the clearing for the backyard would be within 100' of the wetlands. The Board determined that an NOI needs to be submitted, showing the limit of work.
3. **636 Maple Street Group Home.** Michael Matern, neighbor appeared before the Board to comment on the proposed project. Mr. Matern provided a May 31, 2016 e-mail from the MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife that confirmed that there was a second vernal pool on the property.
4. **Percolation (Perc) Test Question.** Ken Thompson from the Board of Health appeared before the Board. There was a question about how long a perc test is good for. According to the BOH, perc tests after 1995 are good forever.
5. **Blue Wave Solar project – Lake Street.** Ami Dion requested a pre-construction conference be scheduled before work commences. A representative responded, noting they would schedule a pre-construction conference.
6. **Keolis Application for Right of Way.** The Board is issuing a negative determination of application for a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for herbicide application on the railroad rights-of-way. The request was presented by Kyle Fair of Fair Dermody Consulting Engineers representing Keolis Commuter Services on May 17, 2016.
7. **67 Main Street deck construction.** The Board determined from viewing the building permit application that the project was not within their jurisdiction.
8. **216 Main Street in-law addition.** The Board determined from viewing the building permit application that the project was not within their jurisdiction.
9. **389 Main kitchen rebuild.** The Board determined from viewing the building permit

application that the project it was not within their jurisdiction.

10. **Oak Street.** As a result of anonymous correspondence received May 2, 2016 stating that trees were being cut in the wetland, a Board member viewed the property. The trees have been on the ground for a while and were not freshly cut.
11. **Chair's Term Up.** Jeff Smith announced that his term is up and he will not ask to be renewed. There was discussion about hiring a part-time on-call conservation agent to assist. Jeff has been on the Board for 15+ years and the Board expressed a deep appreciation for all his hard work and dedication. His service will be missed.
12. **Clerical Assistance.** The Board voted to allocate up to \$500 to organize the Board files. The work must be completed by June 30, 2016 and the bill submitted by July 14, 2016.
13. **Next Meeting.** June 21, 2016 is the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm by a motion by Ms. Cronin, seconded by Mr. Burnet with unanimous approval.

Recorded by Amy Cronin