

**Plympton Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes of Open Meeting – June 21, 2016**

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

**Not Present:** John Mathias

Mr. Burnet called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

**Correspondence.**

1. No correspondence.

**Old Business:**

1. **373 Main Street.** Dean Jafarian appeared regarding his NOI to continue his unapproved tree clearing work between the 25' no touch zone and the 100' from wetlands. Mr. Jafarian was asked how he plans to stabilize the soil.

Mr. Jafarian asked the Board to review the application to the state. It was noted that for question 7A, the "agricultural" should be changed to "other" since there is no commercial agriculture proposed. He was again notified that any additional work within 100' must still get permission. A site visit will be on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 8 am. A hearing was scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup>.

2. **50 Ring Road home construction.** Rick Springer applied 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. The hearing is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup>. A walk-through will be scheduled on Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.
3. **17 Old Farm Lane – closed NOI.** The Board contacted the applicant on 4/27/16 to ask him to attend the next Board meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to provide an update on their NOI. There was no response.
4. **Blue Wave Solar project – Lake Street.** There has been no date provided as a result of the Board's request for scheduling a pre-construction conference before work commences. The project managers will be contacted again.
5. **Administrative and Conservation Agent Assistance.** Kathleen Wright will assist the Board starting immediately, working under the supervision of Ami Dion to help update and organize the filing system in the Conservation Commission office. The Commission agreed that it was worthwhile spending considerable time initially to ensure the office is organized. After July 1<sup>st</sup>, Ms. Wright. will be working 3 hours/week for the Commission. The Planning Board will make arrangements themselves for any work they need done with Kathleen Wright. Additionally, a job description will be drafted for a part-time Conservation Agent.
6. **Vacancies on Commission.** The Board recognizes that they need to identify candidates, and will be doing that shortly.
7. **Update on Maple Street 6-3-6.** Relevant documents from the last few years were sent to Town Counsel.
8. **99 Main Street RDA.** This matter was continued and the RDA will remain open. The

Board is waiting for information from Mr. Andrews.

**New Business:**

1. **387 Main Street.** Mr. Jeff Perette appeared before the Board to get general information about requirements for clearing land for an educational horse riding area and barn, and possibly a Christmas tree farm. Mr. Perette was advised to have a biologist determine if wetlands are present; a plot plan will also be needed. He was advised that anything within 100' from the wetlands needs approval.
2. **Reorganization of the Conservation Commission.** Rick Burnet has agreed to serve as Chair. A letter will be sent to the Town Clerk, Tara Shaw for documentation. Ami Dion will serve as Vice Chair. Both Rick Burnet and Ami Dion are authorized to sign the timesheets of employees.
3. **Authorization for Timesheets for Consultants/Employees.** The Board authorized the new Chair, Rick Burnet to sign timesheets.
4. **Permitting Process meetings.** There was discussion about flow charts and process improvements that will be forthcoming.
5. **Security.** There is a concern about security and measures will be taken shortly. The Board will cooperate with requests from the town. Dale Pleau will ensure each member of the Board has their own Board e-mail to better cope with FOI requests.
6. **Freedom of Information Request.** S. O'Leary submitted a FOIA request.
7. **23 Ring Road – proposed above ground pool.** The Board approved the request. The Board is notifying the applicant that the Board will do a walk-through to view the status of the project.
8. **Corner of Main Street and Center Street.** There was a complaint that tree cutting was occurring. Board member Linda Leddy visited the site and talked to owner Lonnie Marble on 6/17/16 who agreed to stay out of the cutoff zone. He was informed that before doing further work, a wetlands delineation must be done.
9. **Ring Road.** Board Member Rick Burnet did a walkthrough of the property on 6/17/16 as a result of a complaint that wetlands were being filled. Rick Burnet observed no active filling of wetlands at this time.
10. **67 Pleasant Street.** The Board reviewed a building permit application for new construction of 3-bedroom dwelling. The Board declined to sign off on the application due to the proposed tree clearing within the 100' bordering vegetative wetlands (BVW). A Board member will call the applicant to discuss potential adjustments to the plan, otherwise the applicant will need to file an RDA (request for determination of applicability).
11. **11 Marie Lane Drive.** The Board determined from viewing the building permit application for a detached 2-car garage that the project was not within their jurisdiction.
12. **Misc Expenses.** Rick Burnet moved to reimburse Ami Dion and Linda Leddy for miscellaneous postage and Amy Cronin seconded. It was approved unanimously.
13. **Minutes Approval.** The minutes from the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with amendments.
14. **Next Meeting.** July 5, 2016 is the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm by a motion by Ms. Dion, seconded by Ms. Leddy with unanimous approval.

Recorded by Amy Cronin