

**Plympton Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes of Open Meeting – June 19, 2018**

**Present:** Board Members Rick Burnet, Amy Cronin, Ami Dion and Mike Matern

**Not Present:** Linda Leddy, John Mathias and Marta Nover

Mr. Burnet called the meeting to order at 6:35

**Old Business**

**1. Correspondence.**

Notice from Eversource regarding the application of herbicides along the power lines.  
Letter from the abutters of 51 Cedar Street from Bonnie and Bob Harlow of 61 Cedar providing information regarding the species of concern.

**2. Building Permits Received.**

**89 Palmer Street above-ground pool.** The project was not within the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.

**15 Cedar Street 12x16 attached deck.** The project was not within the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.

**48 Main Street 20x24 Garage and 20x24 living room with gym room above.** The project was not within the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.

**3. NOI Hearing Continuation -- 51 Cedar Street, Map 15, Parcel 1, Lot 9, Applicant**

**Stephen Kotowski.** Stephen Kotowski appeared to discuss the project; no abutters were present. The Conservation Commission completed a site walk-through on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Neighbors Bonnie and Robert Harlow sent a letter dated June 1<sup>st</sup> that noting a siting of southern bog lemmings on the property where the project is proposed. It was noted in the letter that no sightings have occurred in this area since 1978. A copy was also sent to the Natural Heritage Foundation.

It was noted that the 3.5 acre property project impact was limited to a scope of work of 19300 ft<sup>2</sup> to limit the impact of any rare wildlife species per The Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program of the MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife. A letter from Natural Heritage noting that the project meets the state-listed species performance standards (dated April 30, 2018). The project was voted unanimously to approve the project as presented. The Order of Conditions will be written up during the next meeting; the applicant acknowledged that due to the holiday, the OOC will be issued beyond the 21-day timeframe. A note will be added to the OOC regarding final approval from the Natural Heritage Foundation.

**4. NOI Hearing continuation for property at 61 Upland Road, Map 13, Parcel 2, Lot 29D, Applicant, Borrego Solar.** The hearing was continued due to the applicant's request; there was nothing to report at this time.

**New Business**

**5. Update on the Public Records Request for 138 Center Street.** A public records request was received for 138 Center Street; materials are due June 25, 2018.

**6. Warrants.** Warrants were signed to pay for advertising.

**7. Remaining Tasks to Complete.** The following are items the Commission still needs to act on.

**51 Cedar Street Order of Conditions.** An order will be written during the next meeting.

**12 Prospect.** The Wallace's are seeking to build a 3-stall shed, but the property has a river and wetlands. It has been reported that some sort of work is already commencing. The Commission had previously sent a letter to them advising them that no work can be done in the wetlands when a Commissioner witnessed work being done. An RDA with a plan depicting the wetlands needs to be done, and another notification that work must cease. There was a report that the barn was constructed. An e-mail was sent to the building department requesting that they investigate this potential violation.

**Letter Regarding Work Near Wetlands - Property on Rt. 58 near town line.** There has been no response to the letter was written from the Conservation Commission to Amanda Monti reminding her that any work within 100' of the bordering vegetated wetlands (BVW) or 200' of a river must be first approved by the Commission. It was noted that clearing had been done, and the Commission requested a site walk to review the work.

**NOI Consideration 129 County Road – Dan Gazzola.** Marta Nover is in the process of writing a letter to DEP to express concerns about the ongoing work.

**122 County Road – Mr. Bern.** It was noticed that additional work has been done and a cease and desist letter will be issued.

**Carey Auto.** There were concerns about potential violations. This will be discussed further.

**Minutes.** The minutes from the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted as written.

**Next Meetings:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 10 and July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The meetings are typically held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of month but are changed this month due to the Independence Day holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm by a motion from Mr. Matern and seconded by Ami Dion, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin