

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Meeting – July 8, 2019

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

Not Present: Marta Nover

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

1. Review Draft Regulations. The Commission reviewed the draft Conservation Commission Regulations. Linda Leddy made a motion to accept the draft Regulations and to have a public hearing on the draft Regulations. It is anticipated that if there are no issues during the hearing, the Regs would become operational after the hearing on July 18, 2019.

2. Remaining Considerations (Parking Lot issues). The following are items on which the Commission still needs to act on or consider.

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.

Carey Auto Property. The Commission sent the Building Department a request to determine if sandblasting is occurring, and if so, if it is permitted. Sandblasting is a concern from a wetlands perspective as well. No response yet.

(possibly resolved) 12 Prospect. Brandon Faneuf, Wetlands Soil Scientist of Ecosystem Solutions, Inc. representing Kim and Keith Wallace appeared before the Commission to discuss his report. As background, there was activity observed on the property that was possibly in the wetlands. A barn was put up without a permit, and from the Wallace's old plans, it appeared a fence was constructed in the wetlands. The Commission required an updated wetlands delineation be done, and to have the Commission come out and view the property; it was likely that the fence would need to be moved.

Mr. Faneuf confirmed that portions of the fence were previously in the wetlands. He also noted that the cordwood and brush piles were 125' from the wetlands. There were questions about the perennial stream, which would require 200' for other structures, but a fence couldn't impede wildlife movement. It was noted that the Wallace's have two free range horses. It appears that the property wouldn't fall within the agricultural exemptions. There were concerns about the horses impacting the wetlands water quality. The Commission voted to require the fence to be moved at least 75' from the bordering vegetated wetlands (BVW) boundary. It was requested that a letter be sent to the Commission from Mr. Faneuf confirming the understanding, containing with the Wallace's signatures indicating their agreement. Mr. Faneuf agreed to inform the Wallace's that they have a perennial stream on their property and that will also be in the letter. There is a possibility that Mr. Faneuf may submit an ANRAD during the Spring or Summer in an attempt to declassify the perennial stream.

Minutes. No minutes were reviewed.

Next Meetings: The next meetings will be held on Thurs. July 18th for a Regulations hearing, Tuesday July 23rd, Wednesday July 24th solar bylaws review, and August 6th at 6:30 pm. The meetings are typically held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of month at 6:30 pm.

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

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin