

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Meeting – July 25, 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

Correspondence

A bill for the RDA posting from the Plympton Halifax Reporter.

New Business

1. Warrant Signed. A warrant was signed for \$40 for the DeChristofano RDA cutting.

Old Business

2. RDA Hearing Continuation on Tree Cutting. The hearing for the MA Department of Transportation RDA for tree cutting along Route 44 will be continued to August 1, 2017.

3. NOI Hearing Continuation - 61 Crescent Street. The hearing was called to order at 7:05 after the applicant, Ken Thompson arrived. The report from the third-party reviewer, Gary D. James, PE was received today and reviewed in the meeting. Questions from the Commission were answered by Ken Thompson and Jack O'Leary.

There was discussion about the materials of the driveway (not in the plan – it was clarified that the driveway is gravel); culverts (emphasized that potential erosion should be minimized so it doesn't concentrate the flow); the dry well; work infringing on the limit of work extending into the 100' buffer.

Dave Gerety of 69 Crescent asked for clarification of the scope of work that was requested of the 3rd party reviewer and expressed other concerns regarding soil samples and remarking of the wetlands. Paul Gudinas of 65 Crescent noted that no materials were brought in on the site except for the gravel for the driveway.

The Chair, Rick Burnet asked the applicant, Ken Thompson what he thought about the suggestions made in the report to modify the placement of the house. Ken Thompson said he would consider it and is open to reviewing it.

It was noted by Linda Leddy that we've tried to be consistent with the 50' no build and that was communicated to the applicant early on, yet we're at 30'. The two retaining walls are at 30' and within the limit of work. The question was asked of the applicant, "How are you getting the house to the 50' line in the buffer zone?" It was also unknown as to whether there will be dry wells; the applicant had thought the Commission requested dry wells. It was confirmed that the Commission did not request dry wells. Mr. Thompson said he'd provide new drawings showing some changes.

It was requested that the depth to groundwater be confirmed by Mr. O'Leary. The applicant couldn't confirm and that would have to be done by soil evaluation. It was noted by the Commission that there is the ability to move the house further from the wetlands. It was noted that a counter clock-wise pivot could solve the problems raised.

Mr. Gerity asked if the Commission is dismissing the possibility that there's sufficient acreage to build the property on upland? He reiterated that there's a practical alternative to building near the wetlands. A Commission member responded that the Wetlands Act puts the Commission in charge of the 100' buffer and we have to manage it and we try to get the best possible result. In past decisions, the Commission has tried to be consistent with keeping construction out of 50' from the wetlands line.

The hearing was continued to August 1, 2017 at 7:15 pm.

Minutes. The minutes from the July 18, 2017 meeting were approved with amendments.
Next Meetings: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by a motion by Ms. Leddy and seconded by Ms. Dion with unanimous approval.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin