

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Meeting – August 1, 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

FEMA Cape Cod Watershed Risk maps were given to the Commission and FEMA is asking for feedback.

New Business

1. Concerns with Winnetuxet River levels. Pat and Jim Mustacaros of 76 Parsonage Road came in to express concerns with the low levels of the river. They noted that the water is now stagnant this year, and even last year during the drought, the levels weren't this low. The Commission will look into it. The issue will be discussed again during the next meeting on August 15th.

2. Warrant. Payment was authorized to pay EcoTec \$1200 for the peer review report.

Old Business

3. RDA Hearing Continuation on Tree Cutting. The notice from the Plympton Halifax Reporter was read. The hearing for the MA Department of Transportation RDA for tree cutting along Route 44 was opened at 6:45 pm. Andrea Coates from the MA DOT appeared before the Commission. The Commission completed a walk-through and then a second walk-through with Ms. Coates and one member of the Commission was completed. The proposed cutting is near a vernal pool and buffer zone, and so it was agreed several trees will be marked to ensure they are not cut. Special attention will be given to the area between Stations 205 and 206 – all trees marked with ribbon shall remain, as well as all trees greater than or equal to 10 dbh (diameter breast height). There will be a pre-construction meeting to ensure the order is clear in the Spring. The order will be written up and sent to Ms. Coates. The determination of applicability is a Positive 2b and a Negative 3 with conditions. Negative 6 is not subject to the jurisdiction.

4. 0 Maple Street NOI Hearing Continuation (Map 86 Parcel 2-3a). The third-party reviewer report was received from Paul McManus of EcoTec. Mr. McManus hung flags marking the wetlands that were not in agreement with the original marks from the applicant's surveyor, Dan Orwig. Mr. Orwig requested that the hearing be continued until September 19. In the meantime, Mr. Orwig will survey the new flags to see if they agree with the flags. Neighbor Ray Correira noted that there were 2 previous surveys that disagree with Mr. Orwig's survey; Mr. Correira noted that flags had been moved in the past and expressed concerns. John Gray of 130 Maple requested to see the plan, and questioned the continuations; how many times can this continue? Mr. Correira questioned who is qualified to do wetlands delineation.

5. NOI Hearing Continuation - 61 Crescent Street. The hearing was called to order at 7:25 by the Chair. As a result of the report from the third-party reviewer, Gary D. James, PE, applicant Ken Thompson reported by e-mail that he was rotating the house by 22', increasing the distance to the wetlands to 58' and will be achieving greater setbacks on all sides with easier grading. The Commission noted that the limit of work is still at the 25 foot no-touch zone, but the house is further away. The Commission noted that discharge from the foundation drain is at the 25' no-touch zone. The applicant, Ken Thompson provided written responses to the peer-review comments and verbally discussed with the Commission. The Commission requested and the applicant agreed to provide a set of stamped drawings.

The motion was made and to close the hearing on 61 Crescent. A motion was made and seconded to accept the plan as drawn with an Order of Conditions; Chair Rick Burnet abstained and the rest of the members voted affirmatively. The Order of Conditions will be drafted as discussed at the next meeting.

1. Final Plan of Record signed and stamped by a MA Registered Professional Land Surveyor and/or Engineer shall be submitted to the Conservation Commission prior to start work.
2. Prior to the commencement of any activities, there shall be a general Pre-construction Meeting
3. No erosion and sediment transport shall impact the 25-foot no disturb buffer zone or adjacent wetland resource area. Adequately sized stone shall be used at the driveway culvert outlets.
4. If dry wells are to be installed, the Commission shall be notified at least three (3) business days prior to installation to schedule the inspection of the excavation and view groundwater / soil conditions.
5. Outlet to the foundation drain shall be set at a minimum of two (2) feet above seasonal high groundwater.
6. Foundation drain shall not cause erosion and sedimentation from entering the 25-foot no disturb buffer zone or adjacent wetland resource area.
7. No herbicides or pesticides are to be used at this site. This condition shall be made part of any and all subsequent deeds conveying the subject parcel.

Minutes. The minutes from the July 25, 2017 meeting were approved with amendments.

Next Meetings: Tuesday, September 5 (possible date change due to lack of quorum) and September 19, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm by a motion by Ms. Dion and seconded by Ms. Leddy with unanimous approval.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin