

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Meeting – August 20, 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 6:30

1. Correspondence. Plymouth County Mosquito Control will be clearing a ditch on Upland Road; they are outside the jurisdiction of the Commission.

New Business

2. Building Permits Received.

4 Brackett Terrace. Applicant Lee Cook submitted an application to build a 24 x 33 garage with a room above. The Commission determined that it is not within the jurisdiction of the Commission (determined to be non-jurisdictional) and was signed off.

15 Heathers Path. After the discussion with the project representative (see Old Business, Item #8), the Commission determined that it is not within the jurisdiction of the Commission (determined to be non-jurisdictional) and was signed off.

89 Palmer Road. Applicant Robert Goulart submitted an application for construction of a 30 x 50 garage construction. The Commission determined that it is not within the jurisdiction of the Commission (determined to be non-jurisdictional) and was signed off.

12 Prospect Road Barn Construction. The barn that was constructed without a permit has now complied with the Conservation Commission's requests for information. The building permit was signed.

3. Winnetuxet Bridge Emergency Repair. Highway Superintendent Scott Ripley was present to update the Commission on the highway repair. It was voted to give permission to complete the work, and an e-mail was sent to document this approval. The work should start within 2 weeks and is anticipated to take 4 weeks.

4. 0 Maple Street NOI – single family home. Owner Greg Black and representative Dan Orwig appeared to submit an NOI (Notice of Intent). They submitted a check for \$42 for advertising and the \$525 NOI fee. The first hearing will be held on September 3rd at 7:15 pm.

5. 0 Main Street Solar. David Santos of Prime Engineering dropped off paperwork for an NOI on behalf of owner Larry Harju of Harju Brothers Cranberries. A \$900 fee was submitted, but that is not the entire amount; the rest fee will be finalized and submitted at a later date. The hearing will be September 3rd at 7:30.

6. 126/131/137 Ring Road Dual Use Concept Plans. Representatives in attendance for the project included David Kelley of Meridian Associates; Brian Madden from LEC; Ian Ward of New England Consulting Services; and land owners. The parcel is 13 acres of land and 6-8

acres of bogs will have panels. In Kingston and Plympton, there would be 9400 panels for a 2 MegaWatt system.

Old Business

7. 54 Prospect Septic Repair. Deborah Folkard and Terry McGovern appeared before the Commission. It was previously questioned if the septic work for the single-family was within the jurisdiction of the Commission. The site plan will need to be reviewed, and they were asked to bring in a large plan to determine the next steps. Checks were submitted for \$42 for advertising, and \$100 for a single-family house (§8A of the Regs) for a Requested for Determination of Applicability (RDA). A hearing will be held September 3rd at 7 pm.

8. 19 Heather's Path Single-family home NOI Update. John Sarkis of Sarkis Development appeared on behalf of the owners to present an update of the Notice of Intent (NOI) and to answer questions. It was noted by Mr. Sarkis that all the work is outside the jurisdiction of the Commission.

9. 0 and 37 Lake Street Floating Solar Update, Map 3, Parcel/Lot # 2-8, 2-23.

Representatives of the project in attendance were owner Larry Harju, of Harju Brothers Cranberries, Inc., Sarah Stearns of Beals + Thomas, Greg Sampson of Brown Rudnick, and Pat Jackson of Sunraise. It is proposed to construct a ground mounted and floating solar array on agricultural land.

John Chessia will be asked do the stormwater analysis as a third-party reviewer. A wildlife habitat evaluation was submitted. Additional third-party experts will need to be hired. A neighborhood meeting was held by the applicants, including a site walk-through.

The boundaries of the arrays were staked and a site visit was scheduled for Tuesday, August 27th at 8 am. The hearing was continued until September 17th at 7 am.

10. 138 Center Street Order of Conditions Review. Commission Chair, Rick Burnet did a site visit and confirmed that the silt sock and split rail fence in the back was in place.

In the future, there will be a no-mow zone that will be marked every 16' with a sign saying "no mow zone". During the last meeting, a reminder was given of the new earth removal bylaw, and the Commission was assured that no removal would take place.

11. 165 Palmer Road Notice of Intent. The order of conditions was sent this week.

12. Interviews for Conservation Agent. The second interviews will be tentatively held at 6:30 on September 4th. This will be a public meeting.

13. 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.

Minutes. The minutes from the July 23rd meeting were reviewed and approved with amendments.

Next Meetings: The next meeting will be held September 10th and 17th at 6:30 pm. The meetings are typically held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm by a motion from Ms. Leddy and seconded by Ms. Dion, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin