

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Meeting – September 26, 2016

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

Not Present: John Mathias and Marti Nover

Mr. Burnet called the meeting to order at 8:17 am

Correspondence.

None

Old Business

1. **134 Brook Street – Solar Array Building Permit (new).** Borrego Solar submitted a building application where the contingent operations and maintenance access road for the project is not included (per the request of the Commission during the meeting on September 20, 2016). The new building permit was signed. Borrego Solar committed to withdrawing the existing RDA and submitting a new one.
2. **Establishing an account for outside expertise.** There is a need for the Commission to establish a consulting account as authorized by MGL Section 53G funds. This fund would enable the Commission to hire outside expertise as needed. A letter signed by the Commission members present was given to the Town Accountant authorizing the opening of an account.
3. **Ring Road (Lot 8-2-1a and b) site visit and expertise.** As discussed at the 09/20/16 meeting, the Commission will be arranging another site walkthrough. A vote was taken to authorize hiring one or more of the following experts: a wetlands scientist, engineer, other comparable expert to advise and conduct studies as directed to advise regarding both parcels independently.
4. **Changing the Commission's fee structure.** Linda Leddy reported on her findings regarding surrounding towns' fees and how Plympton compares. When compared to six local towns, Plympton's fees are significantly lower when compared to other towns. Fees are allowed in the Bylaw and regulations need to be developed to implement those fees.
5. **Conservation Commission Associate Members.** Associate members can be appointed for special projects or as back-up; they don't have to attend every meeting. This option will be explored.

New Business

Minutes Approval. The minutes from the September 20th meeting were approved with amendments.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 4, 2016

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am by a motion by Ms. Dion, seconded by Ms. Leddy with unanimous approval.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Amy Cronin