

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Meeting – June 16, 2014

Present: Rick Burnet, Tim Dempsey, Ami Dion, Linda Leddy, John Mathias, Jeff Smith

Meeting opened 8:00 p.m.

Old Business: Joint Hearing with Planning Board regarding the proposed solar project at 117 Lake Street.

The legal notices of the Planning Board Hearing and the Conservation Commission Hearing were read by the Chairmen of each Board, respectively. A discussion ensued regarding sharing the same consultant on the project. Ms. Leddy expressed a concern that the consultant be well versed in storm water management and was assured that the individuals being considered were capable in the full range of issues concerning solar projects.

A number of representatives from Bluewave Capital attended the meeting as well as engineers Marc Flaherty and Joe Webby. Aidan Foley, Project Manager at Bluewave Capital made a presentation about Bluewave Capital and gave an overview of the proposed solar facility at 117 Lake Street. The proposal is for a 1 megawatt solar field covering about 5 acres on 45 acres of property. There would be approximately 4,000 solar panels in 21 rows. The proposal would be to cut down the tall trees in the area but retain the undergrowth. The field does include an isolated wetland.

Questions/concerns were addressed from abutters and other residents.

Mr. Burnet made a motion that Bluewave Capital flag the trees that are to be cut, measuring their size and tree canopy and indicate on plan. He also included a 200% replication for the isolated wetland. Mr. Dempsey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Burnet further made a motion for the Conservation Commission to join with the Planning Board in using the same consultant, land use lawyer and environmental engineer. Mr. Dempsey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the Joint Hearing be continued until June 30, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Dion to close the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Leddy. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Recorded by Ami S. Dion