

Plympton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Open Meeting – August 19, 2014

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

Mr. Smith opened the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Old Business:

A request for a Certificate of Compliance was requested by James Emerson, new owner of Lot C, Montello St., (now #6), SE 266-0170. The previous owner was Hugh McGovern, to whom the OOC was issued. After some discussion, Mr. Dempsey moved that the Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance for this property, based on the August 18, 2014 letter of engineer Joseph Webby, certifying that the work has been done significantly in compliance with the original plans and OOC. Mr. Burnet seconded the motion. Mr. Dempsey noted that he too had checked on the parcel and found it to be in good order. The motion carried unanimously, The Commission then filled out the Certificate and gave a copy to Mr. Emerson.

A letter was received from Tena Davies, Bureau of Resource Protection, Southeast Regional Office of the DEP regarding its review of the TJA solar project. DEP recently conducted a site visit which members of the Carver and Plympton Conservation Commissions attended, as well as the applicants. As a result of DEP's in-depth review of the file and of its on-site inspection, DEP is withdrawing its appeal of the Plympton Conservation Commission OOC for file #SE266-0174. DEP has concluded that the OOC issued by the Plympton Conservation Commission is adequate and consistent with the Act's requirements.

A letter was received, acting as a Notice of Intent, from Charles and Pamela Burns, of 117 Lake Street property, regarding their intent to convert the land now held in 61A status to commercial use, in accordance with the plan attached as Exhibit A to their letter, consisting of about 9.13 acres. This is the location of a proposed solar project that is pending before the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board.

An email from Morrison Home and Garden was received asking about the town's requirements for erosion control. Mr. Dempsey will respond.

Received the WB Mason catalogue for July 2014

A continuation of the hearing for the dam repair on Ring Road had been posted for this evening but the applicants did not attend.

New Business:

The Selectmen are holding a meeting of all town committees and staff members on August 25, 2014 at 7:00 pm to improve communication among the various town departments and promote collaborative planning and implementation of town services. The Conservation

Commission discussed the points we would like to make, according to the BOS request – 1) in the next 6 months – 1 year the addition of a part-time secretary/clerk/assistant is needed to take responsibility for the many administrative tasks that need attention on a regular basis. We estimate 10-12 hours per month are needed; 2) Also in the next year, we will be reviewing the town wetlands bylaw, with the goal of drafting amendments to be presented to town meeting that will improve its effectiveness; and 3) during the next year and beyond, the Conservation Commission will continue to oversee the implementation of the Parks project, the updating of the Open Space Plan and the outreach to various public and private entities and individuals who may be interested in working with the town on open space issues.

Received a copy of a Building Permit application for 6 Cross Street, to erect a 7x15' foot shed and a 10x30' mini shed. Conservation Commission will conduct a site visit on August 20, 2014.

Received a Building permit application for 114 Center Street – no wetlands involved. Mr. Smith signed off on it.

Received an RDA from the Plympton Open Space Committee for creation of a new trail in the Cato's Ridge Conservation Area, to be called the Ridge Trail. After reviewing the proposal and the attached map, the Commission voted unanimously to issue a negative determination, because the proposed project is not in an area subject to the Act, and will not alter areas that are subject to the Act.

Mr. Burnet made a motion to close the meeting at 9:20 pm. Mr. Smith seconded and the meeting was adjourned with a unanimous vote.

Recorded by Linda E. Leddy