



Town of Plympton
By-law Review Committee
Newsletter

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Development pressure continues to manifest itself in a number of ways in the town of Plympton. New houses are appearing in many areas, rural streetscapes that have remained unchanged for decades are suddenly being altered, solar farm development continues, and the town is grappling with the possibility of a major sand and gravel removal project in the heart of an agricultural/residential area. Similar activity is occurring in all the surrounding towns, and it looks as though a positive economic outlook in Massachusetts will ensure that these development pressures are with us for the foreseeable future.

From the point of view of our members, this new reality regarding development serves to strengthen, verify (and make even more urgent) the work of the By-law Review Committee. Massachusetts communities end up with the quality of life, the property values, and the esthetic landscapes that they plan for. Zoning and Municipal By-laws are the primary tools available to residents to shape the future of their communities, and we are honored to have the opportunity to serve the Town of Plympton in its effort to modernize, clarify, and strengthen our zoning by-laws. We are now a full year into this work, and we continue to be excited by the value that we believe we can bring to the community by updating and enhancing these regulations.

As noted in earlier newsletters, we will be conducting a joint public hearing with the Plympton Planning Board on Monday, March 26th at 6:15 PM at the Town House. At that hearing, members of our Committee and members of the Planning Board will be available to answer questions about the two warrant articles that will be presented to Town Meeting in May. One warrant article pertains to **Enforcement**, and the second pertains to **Authority and Purpose**. We hope to see you there!

The By-law Review Committee meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at the Town House – starting at 6:30 PM – residents are welcome to attend!

Thank you.

Alan Wheelock - Chairman Plympton By-law Review Committee