**Subject**

To conduct a public hearing for ZBA Case no. 20-0121 (“The Case”) for Ms. Jennifer Harju (“The Applicant”) seeking a Special Permit for a Hobby Kennel

**ZBA Hearing** (opened at 6:31 pm)

Zoning Board of Appeals (“The Board”) members present: Ken Thompson-chairperson, Dave Alberti-secretary, Colleen Thompson-member

**Discussion**

Mr. Thompson (“Chair”) introduced the Board, stated the ZBA compliance with public hearing notices, and then invited the Applicant to explain her intentions. She stated that currently there are five senior dogs that require special foster care. In the future, some of the dogs are expected to be taken for specialized care from an animal clinic where she works. The Applicant expects some dogs will be kept crated daily in order to better care for their special needs. Since most of the animals are elderly the Applicant explained that much of their time while in foster care, will be spent indoors. The Chair recognized Brian Kling (“ACO”), Plympton’s Animal Control Officer, to report on his inspection of the Applicant’s proposed hobby kennel premises. The ACO visited there on February 14th and felt the dogs would be well cared for. He asked the Applicant if there are plans to expand the number of dogs beyond five to which she responded “yes”. The ACO then stated that space exists to properly expand her kennel accommodations. The Chair opened the discussion to the public where Mr. Dan McAlinden asked for clarification of limits as to the number of dogs kept by the Applicant. The Chair and Mr. Alberti defined verbally and in print that the limits of dogs kept under the operation of a Hobby Kennel is between six and ten.

The Chair asked for any other concerns from the attendees or The Board. Having none, motion was made and voted to close the public hearing at 6:44 pm.

**Deliberation:**

The findings were discussed and the Board recognized the need for the applicant to comply with Plympton’s “Kennel License Information” document. The Board also agreed that the dogs remain in control at all times.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to grant a Special Permit for a Hobby Kennel to the Applicant.

A motion was made, seconded and voted to schedule a follow up Board meeting on 24th of February at 4:00 pm to write a decision for the subject Case.

A motion was made, seconded and voted to adjourn the Deliberation Meeting at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Alberti 28st February, 2020