**Subject**

To conduct a public hearing for ZBA Case no. 20-0122 (“The Case”) for Ms. Rebecca Wilson (“The Applicant”) seeking a Special Permit for a Hobby Kennel

**ZBA Hearing** (opened at 6:01 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 three dogs kept in her household. In the future she expects as many as eight dogs. The Applicant explained that her dogs are farm dogs and work on her farm for control and protection of her farm animals. She stated further that she has outside kennel space for overnight boarding of her dogs and for friends and family as needed. 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 property is suitable for the Applicant’s hobby kennel use. The Applicant stated that the number of dogs may increase in the future and said there is adequate space in the basement of her home to accommodate an increase in dogs. The ACO agreed this additional space will be adequate. The Chair opened the discussion to the public where Mr. Dan McAlinden expressed his concern for barking dogs kept by the Applicant. The Chair recognized the ACO, who stated that a call to the Plympton Police Dept will initiate a response to have the ACO visit the complainant as defined in section 10 of Plympton’s Bylaws.

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 6:24 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 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Alberti 28st February, 2020