

Plainfield Conservation Commission Minutes May 18, 2021

Present: Serena Matt, Sarah Albert, Becky Atchinson, Rose Paul

Approve minutes of April 21: one correction, the tree orders went to Serena, not Sarah. With that, all in favor of approving minutes.

Town Forest: Sarah would like to schedule a walk through of the Town Forest. Rose will send a doodle poll for late afternoon/early evening on weekdays and on weekends. We'll invite Jacqueline Soule and Daniel Marcus whose father once owned the town forest land. The end of Gonyeau Road is the worst Sarah has ever seen it, deeply rutted. We should still circulate the printed town forest brochures, even though Gonyeau Road is impassable, and when we reprint it, we can mark the road as impassable.

Follow up actions:

Rose will contact Mike Nolan to ask if he's assessed Gonyeau Road yet; she'll take a walk there before calling, and Becky would like to join her. Rose will ask Mike if he can level out the ruts.

Sarah will ask Don Sherman, who owns the land across from the town forest, whether the road condition is a problem for him and if he's mentioned this to the town.

Rose will contact Michele Brown of Friends of Winooski whether any grant opportunities have been posted that might apply to Gonyeau Road.

Water Wise Woodlands: no activity since the focus group met in April.

Tree Sale Update: The blueberry suppliers haven't invoiced for shipping charges yet. The elderberries weren't available till 3 weeks after the actual tree sale, and now Sarah has been coordinating their distribution to buyers. Linda Wells is asking for a final tree sale report, but not all invoices are paid yet. Sarah has leftover tree sale flyers which she'll give to Serena. One buyer said she contacted Shawn White of Friends of Winooski to ask for a tree planting along her Winooski River frontage which she read about in our insert to the tree flyer, so we should do this kind of educational handout again.

Emerald Ash Borer update: Rose confirmed the Conservation Commission won't install monitoring traps this year as a Plainfield resident has already signed up to do this. The Commission will discuss doing an ash tree inventory at our next meeting, for which we received training last year.

End of fiscal year finances: Sarah will ask Linda for an update and train Rose to be treasurer. We'll consider any needs if there are still funds left.

Agenda items for next meeting: discuss recruiting new members; schedule ash inventory walk; discuss end of year finance status; final tree sale report.

End meeting 8:00