

## Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes -- DRAFT

June 20, 2018

**Present:** Becky Atchinson, Charlie Cogbill, Kim Sudol and Jan Waterman  
**Absent:** Sarah Albert, Julie Hackbarth, Mary Trerice

Jan convened the meeting at 7:20. Agenda reviewed.

Minutes: May minutes approved

EAB Selectboard Request: Per the request by the Selectboard at their June 11 meeting, we developed a recommendation relating to the Emerald Ash Borer. Jan will compile notes, draft a statement, and circulate for approval before presenting it to the Selectboard.

Trash Disposal: Becky noticed what seems to be a lack of awareness concerning regulations forbidding open air burning of paper trash. Jan will draft and circulate a letter advising the Selectboard about this, so town events can be compliant.

Act 171: Quick mention of town plan review relating to CVRPC/Monica Przyperhart's feedback concerning Act 171.

Town Forest: Last scheduled work day didn't happen. New date: Sunday, July 15, 3:-5:00. We intend to clear trails and clearly mark them. Kim will continue discussion with contact at Maple Hill School about involving students there in activities in the TF, including helping clear trails, etc.

Marshfield CC pamphlet: Jan brought a few copies of the new pamphlet, "Being Good Neighbors," created by the Marshfield CC. The information in them is general, and we could distribute it in Plainfield too. We discussed asking them if we could reprint about 50 copies. Assuming they say yes, we voted and approved motion to use up to \$80 of our budget to pay for printing costs. Kim will also investigate putting them on our website as well.

Current use/education/outreach: Kim and Lauren Cleary (Cleary Farms) discussed possible ways the CC might support local farmers, as the town plan directs us to try to do so. Lauren thought that farmers would not be in favor of any of the ideas we have come up with so far.

Dog Waste in Mill Park: Farmers Market has moved to church yard at least in part due to the high incidence of dog waste in the grass in the park. Jan will check try to find out who's in charge of stocking the pet waste bag dispenser and receptacle.

Storm Water Runoff: Charlie reported that CVRPC has identified 20 sites of concern in Plainfield, five of which are prioritized, with remedies suggested. These are budgeted for action. Bram Towbin is our representative to that board. We should keep an eye on these projects, and be sure the Selectboard is kept aware of them.

Meeting adjourned 8:45.

Next regular meeting Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by Jan Waterman

Secretary and co-chair