

**Plainfield Conservation Commission**  
**21 September 2016**

**Present:** Sarah Albert, Charlie Cogbill, Kate Harper, Julie Hackbarth, Jan Waterman  
**Absent:** Becky Buchanan, Mary Trerice

**7:15 Convene**

**Minutes** of August meeting were approved.

**Agenda Reviewed**

**Zoning Update:** Sarah and Jan attended the August 22 Planning Commission meeting to review, along with Jens Hilke, the changes the Conservation Commission suggested for the zoning revisions. Sarah also attended the Planning meeting on September 19, at which some, but not all of our suggestions were approved. Before making decisions on some things, the Planners are waiting to see the map of significant wildlife habitat that Jens is preparing from information Brett collected. The Planners expect the zoning revisions will be voted on next March at the annual town meeting.

**Celebrating Plainfield's Natural Communities:** Jens strongly encouraged the CC to focus energy on celebrating the information in Brett's inventory. Also, we made a commitment to continue outreach and education regarding our natural communities under the terms of the Municipal Planning Grant, which made possible the inventory. We discussed various approaches; Jan will follow up with Brett on a couple of ideas we generated, and invite the Planners to participate in these efforts.

**Town Forest Trailhead** construction update: The contractor is running late with other jobs, but wants to start the job at the town forest on Monday Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. We still need clearance from the state Historic Preservation program, which received the Northeast Archeological Research Center's report over a month ago. Sarah will follow up. Also, the kiosk needs to be a smaller size, so she will adjust the design accordingly.

**AVCC Annual Meeting:** At Lake Morey Resort, Oct. 22. Sarah is interested in attending.

**Triple Point Natural Area:** Charlie gave us the invasives report, having visited the parcel twice in the last two months: It's in pretty good shape; except for some trash along the roadsides, no action needed. Jan will forward this report to VLT, as they requested.

**Educational Event:** "The Hidden Half of Nature: The Microbial Ecology of Life," presented by Ann Bickle and David R. Montgomery - Tuesday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 7: - 9: pm at the Haybarn. Sponsored by the Marshfield and Plainfield Conservation Commissions, Jacquith and Cutler Libraries, and Natural Marshfield, with the support of Goddard College. Donations requested.

**8:15 Adjourn**                      **Next meeting:** October 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Waterman, Secretary