

**Plainfield Conservation Commission**  
Meeting Minutes 15 November 2017

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

Meeting convened by Jan at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes from October meeting approved.

Town Forest work day (October28): Sarah, Becky and Jan participated. More trail cleared; one route was reconsidered due to wetness. Sarah will work with George Springston to find older GPS trail points and re-flag a route.

Mill St. Park Management: Sarah has reached out to Nicko about pruning trees at park for more light and visibility, and about sidewalk trees needing pruning. She will continue with follow up.

Budget and Narrative: for town annual report – We discussed and approved a budget proposal which Sarah will submit to Linda; Jan will put together a draft narrative and circulate for CC edits and approval. Budget due Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and narrative due Jan. 2.

BioFinder Workshop: The workshop date is set – January 17, 2017. It will be lead by Monica Przyperhart of the VT Fish and Wildlife Department. Mary will confirm location and let us know where; time will be 7:00 pm. This workshop will take the place of our regular monthly meeting in January.

Ben Kilham's presentation: Goddard College hosted; the Marshfield and Plainfield libraries and conservation commissions sponsored. Attendance was excellent, as was the program. Mary will explore possibility of asking David Newland to be a speaker at a future event.

AVCC Summit: Julie reported on this day of workshops she attended in September. From one, about increasing youth involvement in conservation commissions, she brought back some interesting possibilities, which launched a good discussion of ideas, such as creating a special short-term position on the commission for a high school student, coordinating with Twinfield's student community service requirement, working with science teachers to involve students in some of our work.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 20 at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Waterman, Co-Chair and Secretary