

Plainfield Conservation Commission Minutes

May 15, 2019

Present: Becky Atchinson, Julie Hackbarth, Mary Trerice

Minutes of April 17: Approved

Green Up Day: Becky reported that the day was very successful with more roads covered than before. Dawna MacLaren has agreed to co-chair with Becky next year. Becky's posting to Front Porch Forum follows:

Once again we thank Plainfielders (and many Marshfielders who came out as well) for helping beautify Plainfield on and around Green Up Day. It's always nice to see familiar faces and new ones of all who volunteer their time to pick up after others. It's made a big difference and I hope you'll drive around town and see how particularly lovely and peaceful it is now that the roadside litter is gone!

This year, nearly every road was covered in town and about 2,000 lbs. of trash - a ton! - was removed from the roadsides and was taken to the landfill! Roughly 50 town volunteers participated. About 100 Twinfield middle and high school students also picked up pre-arranged roads in both Plainfield and Marshfield and collected a total of 60+ bags of trash, 25+ bags of returnables, and about 60+ tires. Maplehill School also volunteered this year, and 10-15 students did a great job picking up the rec field and the park and ride. Hearty thanks to our next generation!

Special thanks also goes to the following:

- Chris Miksic for donating his construction trailer and taking the refuse to the landfill
- Mike Russell for donating his construction trailer and taking the refuse to the landfill
- Mike Nolan for making space at the town garage for the trailers and disposing of all those tires
- Linda Wells who keeps track of the accounting
- Delia Gillen for posting to the media for the past 6 years
- Julie Shedd for organizing Twinfield's students
- Sadie Laing for organizing Maplehill School's students
- Mary Trerice, Sasha Thayer, Ed Hutchinson, Gail Falk, and Strat Douthat who sat with the trailers on Saturday
- Dawna MacLaren who helped me hand out bags at the Rec Field Saturday morning and brought cookie bars for volunteers
- Plainfield Coop which donated cider and cookies
- Gary Garfield, Ryan MacLaren, and Bob Atchinson for sweeping the roads for left over bags and large stuff
- Kathy Bizzoco for posting Green Up Day information on the town website
- The Conservation Commission for its oversight and putting up posters
- The Town Hall for letting us use their sign on their lawn
- Positive Pie Plainfield for donating thank you coupons to volunteers – be sure to use them by the end of the month, and let me know if you didn't receive one and should have.
- Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District for its annual grant that covers the cost of disposing all the Green Up trash and debris collected in town.

- All the town volunteers who contributed their time picking up trash on and before Green Up Day and throughout the year!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, ALL!

Becky Atchinson, Coordinator

New Members: We discussed the need to recruit new members. We can have up to nine. The Town Reports can be a source of information about PCC activities. We can also have ad hoc members who many choose to take a specific project. We should all think about outreach possibilities and be prepared for a discussion next month.

RAMP Meeting (Revitalizing All of Marshfield and Plainfield): Becky, Julie, and Mary attended the kick-off meeting. We were all impressed with the organization, turn out, and energy. As we discussed the meeting we realized there might be ways for the PCC to be involved. Ex. There's a group developing biking and hiking trails in the two towns--might they do some work in the town forest? A complete report on the April 30 meeting can be found at www.vtrural.org.

Adjourn: 8:15

Submitted by Mary Trerice