

Plainfield Conservation Commission Minutes
June 17, 2020

Present: Sarah Albert, Becky Buchanan, Julie Hackbarth, Serena Matt, Rose Paul, Mary Trerice

Guest: Alice Dworkin

Start: 7:15 pm We met, physically distanced, on Rose's lawn as per the warning.

May Minutes: approved with minor changes

Composting in the Village: Alice told us about her grant proposal to the Solid Waste District. It was turned down but she was given, and will be getting more, advice concerning resubmitting a proposal in the fall. She has researched several options and chosen a scalable design. She explained that the proposal will be much stronger if there is a committed volunteer group behind it. We agreed that creating a sub-committee to the PCC would be acceptable as we all support the idea. She will return to the July meeting with more information and hopefully names to submit to us for that sub-committee.

Green-Up Day: Becky reported that she was grateful for Dawna MacLaren's organizational help again this year. With the CoVid pandemic the school did not participate and that was greatly missed. We were down a bit in trash collected but all in all it was good effort given the circumstances.

EAB Traps: It was quite an adventure but two large traps were hung by Rose, Sarah, and Serena and will be monitored as requested by Forest and Parks. One trap is near the Cloud Alliance tower on Upper Rd and the other is on private property on Middle Rd.

Town Forest: The selectboard approved funding the stump removal and brush hogging for the trails and work is scheduled for June 29 and 30. Sarah has been flagging the trails and will supervise. We should think about signage for completed trails—name, description, etc.

Sarah told of a couple who wanted to visit the forest but couldn't because they could not drive in. She will compose a letter from us to the Selectboard requesting enough road maintenance so that cars can access the parking area on Gonyea Rd.

Rain Garden at Mill St. Park: Becky checked with Mike Nolan and he will remove the silt that has collected there. Rose suggested replanting with native plants only.

PCC Brochures: Sarah had 150 more printed. Members took copies to distribute, particularly to the Plainfield Coop and the Post Office.

Adjourn: 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted: Mary Trerice

