

Plainfield Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 20 February 2013

Present: Kate Harper, Sarah Albert, Becky Buchanan, Julie Hackbarth

Absent: Jan Waterman, Jonathan Decker

Minutes: Minutes from January meeting approved.

Town Plan: The group doesn't have additional comments for the plan. Sarah is providing additional comments and edits of her own. Jens will be doing a presentation about conservation considerations in town plans on March 18 at the Fire House at 7 PM.

Town Meeting Preparation: Sarah will have the balance of the conservation fund. Kate will ask George Springston to speak in favor of the fund appropriation. Sarah will be setting out the booklet about Marshfield natural area. If possible announce Jen's presentation on March 18.

March 18 Presentation – Jan will post an announcement promoting the presentation on Front Porch and Plainfield People.

Town Forest Trails: Sarah A. spoke with Luke O'Brien of the NW Stewardship Center and picked out one day on March 22 with a possible backup day on March 29. The purpose is to take a few hours going through the town forest and locating possible trail routes. Sarah will ask Jenny Warshow from Marshfield to join us. Jenny worked on developing the trails for the Marshfield Stranahan property.

ANR Recreational program grants application deadline has been postponed. Sarah will look for updated information.

Class 4 Road: Sarah spoke with Jim Capobianco about downgrading the section of Gonyeau Rd. bordering the town forest to trail status. He has been concerned about vehicles driving down into his field. He was fine with downgrade not including motorized vehicles.

Website Updates: Becky has been unable to post minutes to the website since last June. Linda Wells will be looking into this issue with the Website later in March.

Tree and Shrub Sale: Sarah has brochures ready for distribution and will put them out before town meeting. Order breakdown will take place in the barn across the road from Comstock Bed and Breakfast around 5 PM on Friday April 26.

Green Up: Jonathan agreed to serve as coordinator with assistance from Becky and Jan. Becky will arrange a time for Jonathan and her to meet to get information and files from Sarah O. They plan to place an ad in the April Field Notes (March 10 or 15 deadline).

Next meeting: March 20, 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Julie Hackbarth
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