

Plainfield Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 18 September 2013

(Tonight's meeting time changed to 5:30 due to conflict with Selectboard public hearing on town plan at 7 p.m.)

Present: Sarah Albert, Kate Harper, Jan Waterman; (at 6:15) Charlie Cogbill, (at 6:45) Becky Cushing

Absent: Becky Buchanan, Julie Hackbarth

Guests: Jill Bessette, Scott Stewart

Town Forest Trails Grant: Many thanks to Sarah for the tremendous amount of work she has devoted to this project. We reviewed and discussed her latest draft of the grant application. Sarah hopes to present the completed application to the Selectboard on the 23rd, next Monday. She'll send out the next draft for our comments in the next few days.

Discussion with guests: Kate welcomed our visitors and asked if they had any questions or concerns they'd like us to address. Jill and Scott wanted to understand the role of the Conservation Commission, and expressed concern about storm water retention, drainage and erosion issues on their property. Jill described a particular culvert/trench cleanout/drainage problem they are trying to remedy, and asked for guidance. As the causes of the problems are multifaceted, we referred them to the DRB and Selectboard, and Charlie will continue to work with them as well.

Charlie also noted that a "champion" chestnut tree stands on their property.

AVCC Annual Summit: October 5th in Bradford. Funds for registration fees are available in our budget. Sarah will attend.

Minutes: Minutes from August meeting approved.

Adjourned 7:02 p.m.

Next meeting: October 16, 2013 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jan Waterman, Secretary
Plainfield Conservation Commission