

PLAINFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes 20 May, 2015

Present: Sarah Albert, Michael Billingsley, Becky Buchanan, Kate Harper, Jan Waterman

Absent: Charlie Cogbill, Julie Hackbarth

Guest: Mary Trerice

7:20 - Convened meeting; reviewed agenda

Minutes from March meeting approved as amended. No minutes from April; meeting was given over to public presentation by Dr. Mary Sisock, UVM Extension Forestry.

Plant Sale final report presented by Sarah. Plainfield's share is \$577.08. Discussion about need to increase public awareness about the Street Tree program, availability of the fund to care for trees in the public right of way, and need for tree inventory.

Green Up: Becky extended appreciation to all who participated, especially Delia Gillen for the great job she did with publicity for this event; Julie Shedd and Twinfield youth; and Betsy Zeigler for organizing crew to clean up sidewalks and beautify gardens in the village.

- We had 41 community volunteers and 75 Twinfield students participate,
- 91 bags of trash were collected,
- 34 tires were removed from the sides of roads,
- as well as 2 recliners; floor lamp; box springs & mattress

Budget: Discussion about use of funds in CC FY 2014/2015 budget.

Brook name: Michael and Jan reported on two consultations with Abenaki elder and linguist Jeanne Brink, who conferred with the Abenaki Language Group to determine possible names for the brook. Two suggestions were put forward. Discussion tabled until all members of commission can participate.

Significant Natural Communities Inventory: Brett will soon give us some of the sites he's ranked as highest priority for groundtruthing, so we can begin to identify and contact landowners for permission to access.

9:10 – Adjourned

Next meeting June 17, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Waterman, Secretary