

Plainfield Conservation Commission
20 July 2016

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

Absent: Charlie Cogbill, Mary Trerice

Guest: Sumana Serchek, new Vermont Land Trust (VLT) Regional Stewardship Manager

7:20 Convened

Agenda Review

Minutes of June meeting were approved as corrected.

Vermont Land Trust: 7:35, Sumana Serchek joined us to introduce herself. VLT monitors properties on which they hold conservation easements each year. She asked about any plans we have regarding management of the Triple Point Natural Area, and mentioned a report from last year, which noted the presence of barberry on the parcel. She's going to check it out, and will advise us about what she finds. We will then plan a work day to deal with it, if needed.

Town Forest:

- Report given on July 17 work day, attended by Mary, Sarah, Jan, Andy Robinson and Allen Clark. The property looks good; regeneration coming along quickly; no erosion concerns, good "haul" of invasives.
- Report on discussion of town forest at July 11 Selectboard meeting.
- Sarah reported on visit from the archeological firm investigator
- Sarah also met with contractor hired for parking area improvements. They discussed options for marking upper parking area and gate placement.

New CC website: Bram recently offered to create a page for the Conservation Commission on the WordPress site for Plainfield. We are grateful for his generosity, and appreciate how much he does for the town already. But overall, commissioners felt it was more important for the town to fix the official town website so it could accommodate town needs, without needing links to a variety of other sites.

Draft Zoning: Jens Hilke suggested and Sarah has been working on improved definitions. She distributed some alternatives she has researched. Jan and Sarah will continue to dig into this before the August meeting. Meanwhile, Jan is to compose a letter to the Selectboard and Planning Commission requesting ample time to apply, with help from Jens, relevant info from Brett's inventory to zoning regulations. She will circulate a draft of the letter for CC approval before sending it out.

Interim Chair: Kate is stepping down and Sarah and Jan will co-chair for now.

Adjourned: 9:00 pm **Next Meeting:** 17 August, 7:15

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Waterman, Secretary