

Plainfield Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 19 April 2017 - **DRAFT**

Present: Sarah Albert, Becky Atchinson, Charlie Cogbill, Julie Hackbarth, Kim Sudol, Jan Waterman

Absent: Mary Trerice

Guest: Kate Harper

Meeting convened by Sarah at 7:30p.m. (Apologies for the delay from Jan, who forgot the office keys)

Welcome to new commissioner Kim Sudol!

And thanks to re-appointed members Sarah Albert and Julie Hackbarth.

Minutes: Minutes from March meeting approved.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday April 20, 7 pm - Bob Popp will speak about local rare and endangered species, part of Natural Marshfield series, at Jaquith Library;

April 22, noon, Science Day rally at Statehouse, (Rose Paul of The Nature Conservancy will speak);

April 29, noon - Climate March rally, Statehouse;

May 4 - Arbor Day conference, Montpelier College of Fine Arts, (Sarah will attend).

Plant Sale: We received 42 (?) orders, totaling \$2,700, a little less than last year. We'll prep orders Friday 28th, beginning at 4 pm, at Bram's barn again. Decided on volunteer shifts for order prep and sale. Pick up orders Saturday 29th, at village park, 9: am - noon.

Green Up: Becky has this well organized. She needs any Green Up bags left over from previous years, to give to Twinfield, whose students are also pitching in again this year. Delia is promoting the event on various social media – thank you, Delia. Volunteer shifts decided.

Town Forest: Sarah is waiting to hear from Gary Drinkwater about when he will plant the trees along the edge of the road. We need to do some more clearing of the trails; will plan a work day in early June at our next meeting. When trails are clear and firm, and map is ready for the kiosks, we will have a dedication ceremony, and invite the student from Maple Hill school who installed the kiosks (*and others from the school?*). Explored possibilities for memorial for Allen Soule. Jan will discuss this with Allen's family, and will check on town memorial policy.

Current Use research and educational outreach for conservation: Mary and Sarah are working on this. We discussed several possible strategies. Mary and Sarah will generate overlay maps of significant wildlife habitat and parcels in Current Use, to see how they overlap.

Tree Ordinance: With the Selectboard's direction, Sarah has been working on this for us. She distributed her initial draft ordinance for our review, asked for our comments, noted the need for expanding several points, asked that we consider anything in town plan that may illustrate town's vision. We will recruit public input via various means, and continue discussions, research and exploration of what would be best suited for Plainfield.

Town Plan Goals and Strategies: Jan distributed copies of the chart of CC responsibilities, having incorporated our comments about what we have accomplished so far. Copies went to the Selectboard as well.

Meeting adjourned 9:25 p.m.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 17 at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Waterman, Secretary