

**Plainfield Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**April 17, 2019**

**Present:** Sarah Albert, Becky Atchinson, Julie Hackbarth, Mary Trerice

**Guest Present:** Greg Western from the Cross Vermont Trails Association (CVTA)

**Convene:** 7 pm

**Minutes:** March minutes were approved with corrections. Julie will post the final minutes.

**Election of Officers:** Sarah is Chair and Treasurer and Mary is Secretary. Julie and Becky will step in as needed in Sarah or Mary absence. We need more members!

**Greg Western:** Gave the commission an update on CVTA in our area.

1. CVTA has signed a purchase and sale agreement for the Brian Morse lot on Recreation Field Rd. Funding must be arranged by July 1. The parcel will be conserved and could be key to access from the road to a trail yet to be developed. The parcel is also important to Friends of the Winooski and the Town for erosion mitigation as it contains a steep slope that lets water flow into the Winooski. Greg asked for a letter of support for the purchase and Sarah will send that.
2. Greg made an exciting offer. If we can provide the gravel he will bring his machine to spread it on a 3-4 foot path, thus allowing a good connection at the end of Gonyea Rd. (class 4) between the main Town Forest and the part that is accessible from Maxfield Rd.
3. CVTA would also work with youth who are interested in trail creation and improvement. The PCC will be getting assistance from Maple Hill School so this is a very timely and helpful offer.
4. We thanked Greg for his updates and offers.

**Tree Sale:** There is a work date on April 26, 3:30 pm at Bram Towbin's barn to put orders together.

**Green-Up Day:** May 4. Starting at 9:30 am. Becky is organizing this day. She distributed posters for us to place around town and garnered volunteers for other tasks

**Town Plan:** Sarah led a discussion concerning the PCC's contribution to the plan. She will draft sections to be given to the Planning Commission.

**Composting Workshop:** We are on the list to be able to present a Central Vermont Solid Waste District workshop in 2020—all the 2019 dates are filled.

**PCC Webpage:** our meeting time is now 7 pm and that needs to be corrected on the site. Other discussion of improving the site will be taken up later.

**Other:** We now have a copy of the Fish and Wildlife Dept's [Mapping Vermont's Natural Heritage](#).

**Adjourn:** 9 pm

Submitted by Mary Trerice

