

Plainfield Conservation Commission Minutes
July 17, 2019

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

Guest: Greg Western of the Cross Vermont Trail Association (CVTA)

CVTA request for \$3200 from the Plainfield Conservation Fund: Greg was present to discuss the application. CVTA is buying a parcel that the Recreation Field Road as discussed at a previous meeting. The largely wooded parcel is key to connecting the Village to a future Cross Vermont trail and there are advantages to the town for possible erosion mitigation and for immediate recreational purposes.

The application was in order. The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board will be granting \$27300 to CVTA and the request to Plainfield helps to complete the purchase.

Voted: We have received and reviewed the application and recommend that the selectboard approve the project and the requested amount of \$3200 from the Conservation Fund. (Julie to sign the application and forward it to the selectboard.)

CVTA other: As part of their education mission the organization devotes resources to towns for development of conserved areas. Greg is scheduled to meet with Sarah and Joe Astick regarding Maple Hill School working on a town forest project with him. (We greatly appreciate these offers of help.)

Minutes: June 19th minutes were approved as submitted.

Updates: Becky reported that Maple Hill School is, indeed, going to conduct a survey of ash trees in the town's right-of-ways. Sarah reported that the selectboard did not approve a request for trail work in the town forest and this work may possibly be done next spring when visibility is better. The logged area is completely overgrown with brambles and there are many stumps to be removed for the trail development.

Future Business: We need to continue discussing our search for new members and concerns about invasives in roadside ditching dirt.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Trerice