

**Plainfield Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**September 15, 2021**

**Present:** Serena Matt, Becky Atchinson, Rose Paul, Mary Trerice  
We are back to meeting via zoom.

**Minutes:** July 21 minutes were approved as written.

**County Forester:** Washington County has a new forester, Robert Nelson. **Mary** will contact him and see how he frames his duties. Perhaps we can invite him to a future meeting.

**Town Forest:** Rose and Serena have been checking the trees along the trails for ashborer. So far they've not identified any. They estimate they've surveyed about half of the trails and will finish next year. The mowing/brush hogging of the trails looks good and should be fine until spring growth. Also, Rose purchased a new lock for the gate at the Gonyeau Rd. parking lot. **Rose** will get an estimate for trail marker signage.

**Goals:** We continued our conversation re: PCC goals in a more focused manner. Serena presented a list of ideas and we started to flesh these out with an eye to what we feel is possible. She took notes as we were discussing items and this will be posted at a later time. Continued development of the Town Forest was a major discussion as was the need to get better access. (There is some **urgency** to get this into the Town budget if at all possible. )

**For next meeting:** We will continue to refine and prioritize our goals using **Serena's** updated notes. Also, we should look at the on-line information for the Calais Trails, think about possible themes for the tree sale (this year the plants that could help with controlling water run-off were highlighted)

**Adjourn:** 8:20