

Plainfield Planning Commission Meeting

April 20, 2015

Present: Karen Storey, Will Colgan, Jean Hamilton, Paula Emery, Jan Waterman, Brett Engstrom

Agenda: Approval of minutes from previous meeting; Update on Natural Resources Inventory with Brett Engstrom, Nominate new member of PPC – Jean Hamilton, Continue combined zoning work.

Approval of Minutes:

Karen moved and Will seconded. Approved minutes from April 6th meeting.

Brett arrived at 7:06PM to overview the
Natural Resources Inventory.

The Inventory process is:

What are the special natural areas in Plainfield? What are the natural features, natural communities (habitat types), which can be small or big. Brett studies them and then tells towns what types of natural communities that they have that are important for conservation.

Brett will use GIS and other tools to prioritize the sites and the CC and PPC members will be tasked with requesting site access permission

JH – asks if there’s an opportunity for people to come along with him on site visits; it isn’t possible because Brett can’t schedule it.

Verbal permission from landowner via CC or PPC member is adequate. Open permission without notification is desirable, but if the landowner wants to be notified, then that information should be passed on to Brett.

Will: We have to establish information about what’s there.

Brett has about 12 days to do his field research in Plainfield. His notes become site reports and each significant site will have a full site report. For “less significant” sites there will be shorter information. He will list all sites that have been noted.

For meeting preparation:

- publicity – he will send some samples
- Brett will bring maps and people will write on them.
- We need to bring a sheet to project onto – or get a screen.
- Will and Jan will introduce the meeting and set the agenda.

Issues may come up around landowners who don't want their sites to be listed, and parcels that are listed by people who didn't have permission to go onto the site.

New Member: Karen made a motion and Will seconded, to forward the nomination of Jean Hamilton to the Selectboard for membership on the Planning Commission. J

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM

The combined zoning work was tabled until the next meeting.