

Plainfield Conservation Commission Minutes July 20, 2022

Present: Serena Matt, Rose Paul, Julie Hackbarth, Becky Atchinson, Mary Trerice
(We met on Serena's porch with Becky in virtual attendance.)

Minutes: May minutes were approved as written and it was noted that June was an unofficial meeting, no minutes. (discussed below)

Brickey Farm: (aka MacLaren Farm) Rose will let Britt Haselton know to invoice the Town when the conservation funds are needed. They were approved at a Select Board meeting.

Tree and Plant Sale: Serena will be meeting soon with others to select plants for next year as there were supply problems this year. Cedric and Gary from Cabot will be the organizers this year as we continue with the three-town cooperation. Pick-up will be at Marshfield's Old School House Common.

Street Tree Inventory Walk: This took place instead of the regular June meeting. Mary, Rose, and Serena walked the village with what turned out to be old documents checking on the health of the "street" trees. Rose took notes. Since then new information has surfaced and we should go again. We need to understand what land owners agreed to when the trees were planted and therefore whose responsibility it is for pruning and other care. Becky pointed out that roots can interfere with sewer and water. We will try to gather the full information and repeat the walk in August.

Town Forest: Was mowed and Julie will check to see if a second mowing is required.

Membership: Again, we discussed the need for new members and tossed around a few ideas. This needs some focused attention—next meeting?

Serena: She will take a leave from the PCC starting in November but will continue being our Tree and Plant sale coordinator. Sadly, we'll need a new chairperson. We, of course, wish her well and understand her need to step back—hopefully only a temporary need.

Adjourn: 8:12

Respectfully submitted, Mary Trerice