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Plainfield Conservation Commission Minutes
September 21, 2022

Present: Serena Matt, Becky Atchinson, Rose Paul, Mary Trerice

Minutes: July minutes were approved as written. (There were no minutes for June and August)

Tree and Plant Sale Update: Cabot is leading the next sale and items are being ordered. Meetings and future pick-up are now occurring in Marshfield as it's between Plainfield and Cabot.

Town Forest: There was a second mowing of the trails last week. Julie and Rose have gone out twice to mark the trails and are more than half-way done. **Rose will let us know** when she can go out again. She will also contact Maple Hill School again to see if they will make the additional puncheon and possibly do some trail work on the Maxfield Rd. connector trail. We need to get that trail into good shape before we can encourage folks to use the forest as it is now the only way in due to the degradation of Gonyeau Rd.

Street Trees: We are still striving to understand what our responsibilities might be for the street trees. **Becky will do more research.** We looked at the ANR on-line atlas but the Urban Tree layer does not seem to sort out the Street Trees. We do not know what understanding for care was either formally or informally made with property owners.

Brickey Farm: Rose notified the appropriate parties that they may invoice the town for the Conservation Fund monies at any point.

Chestnut Trees: Several years ago two chestnut trees were planted in the back of the rec-field as part of an experiment to develop disease resistant trees. One remains and it is thriving and growing chestnuts. It has sent up additional trees. Evan Fox of the American Chestnut Foundation will be visiting town and Sarah Albert will be showing him those chestnuts and others that have been planted around town that she knows of. We are excited for their report.

Ash Trees: A hopeful experiment is underway in the LR Jones State Forest where there is a significant infestation of emerald ash borers. They are releasing multiple species of parasitic wasps to control the EAB. We will be following this experiment and will alert the town. There is going to be a VP show concerning this and **Serena will get the details.**

New Business: Becky visited Washburn Park in the village. It needs tending but we don't know who is responsible. Trees in the park are on the Urban Tree Inventory of 2015 but we do not believe they are PCC Street Trees.

Becky will attend a webinar tomorrow organized by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Dept: "Knowing Your Options; Choosing the Right Tools for Your Town."
She will report back to us if she thinks it would be worthwhile for others to catch a later presentation.

Adjourn: 8:30

Respectfully submitted, Mary Trerice