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**Plainfield Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**January 21, 2026**

**Present:** Rose Paul, Mead Binhammer, Mo Lynch, Becky Atchinson, Julie Hackbarth, Mary Trerice

**Minutes:** December minutes were approved as written.

**Dark Sky Event:** Rose discovered that we can use the movie for free. Mary checked with Angela at the library and she is enthusiastic about a joint presentation. She will put out appropriate books in April and Mo offered to check resources and suggest materials to Angela. Angela will also do the usual publicity and we should coordinate with her to offer more.

The movie is short, only about one-half hour, and George Springston can moderate a discussion and provide local practical information to round out the evening. (He is preparing a talk for the North Branch Nature Center) We discussed possible topics of interest that could blend well with Conservation stressing the natural world. Bird migration, circadian rhythms, enjoyment of the night skies, etc., are all affected by excess light. Also, technical suggestions could be given for lighting changes that a town and residents could make. We could also, have brochures to give out. Rose will finalize reserving Town Hall during the Dark Skies Week in April. We will discuss this more at our next meeting.

**Misc:** Our annual report and budget got to the Select Board in time for inclusion in the Town Report. The Wetlands Rules comments were sent in on time and we submitted a letter of support for the Marshfield Conservation Commission's grant application for tree planting as part of their flood recovery actions. We talked about possibly meeting with the Marshfield Cons. Com. They are ahead of us in dealing with recovery plans since most of their disruption came from the 2023 flood and we could learn from their efforts and possibly help promote the tree planting—if volunteers are needed. Rose will contact Bob Popp.

**Town Forest:** There was no work day due to the weather. We will try to plan something for early Spring. Trails cannot be mowed until the fallen trees are cleared.

**Green Up Day:** May 2. Mo has the lead on this now. She reported that there are new items coming including a banner and road signs. We might be able to hang the banner at Town Hall in time for Town Meeting.

**Next Meeting:** February 18

**Adjourn:** 8 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Trerice