

**February 18, 2026 Minutes
Plainfield Conservation Commission**

Present: Rose Paul, Mo Lynch, Becky Atchinson, Mary Trerice

Minutes: The January minutes were approved with minor changes.

Dark Sky Movie: Rose has booked the Town Hall for April 14th. She and George are coordinating with Angela at the library re: resources and publicity.

AVCC: Rose attended a listening session about the Vermont Conservation Plan and supplied the following:

VT Conservation Plan--it is still in draft, a listening session was held Feb 17. VCP is based on Act 59, passed in 2023, calling for 30% of VT to be conserved by 2030, and 50% by 2050. The VCP is a road map for how to achieve this conservation goal.

3 top-level objectives:

1. Center the VCP on the VT Conservation Design, a big GIS and data-driven map of desired areas to conserve
2. Conservation for Communities--access for all
3. Strengthen Conservation Capacity

"pathways" under each objective that are particularly relevant to Conservation Commissions:

1. Centered on VT Conservation Design

conservation across all bioregions, protect connectivity corridors

2. Conservation for Communities

provide equitable access to conservation lands; center equity in conservation decisions and funding; promote sustainable working lands; promote outdoor recreation; expand place-based education and outreach

3. Strengthen Conservation Capacity

try new approaches; create a simplified conservation easement that partners like conservation commissions can use

We started a discussion of connectivity corridors and on possible presentation ideas such as the importance of conserving land and possibly multi-generational forest stewardship, i.e. estate planning.

National Park Service: Rose, Mary, and Becky, (and others) met with Stephanie Stroud and Julie Isbell of the NPS. They explained more about their work with the Winooski Flood Collaborative (five towns along the Winooski) re: flood recovery to lands after buy-outs. They want to be kept current on Plainfield's recovery efforts and will suggest ideas, resources, and community engagement when the time is appropriate. They would like to next meet with us via zoom on March 17, 10 am.

Green Up Day: Mo said it's coming along. More next meeting.

Next Meeting: March 18

respectfully submitted, Mary Trerice