

Plainfield Conservation Commission Minutes May 20, 2020

Present: Sarah Albert, Becky Buchanan, Julie Hackbarth, Serena Matt, Rose Paul, Mary Trerice

Note: We met, as warned, in the Park and Ride lot and all wore masks and were physically distanced with our own chairs.

January **Minutes** were approved as written. There were no February, March, or April meetings.

New Members: Rose and Serena were welcomed to the PCC.

EAB: We sponsored a talk by Joanne Garten on March 10. She gave an overview of the Emerald Ash Borer survey of ash trees in the town right-of-ways and on private property with the possibility of affecting the ROWs. She also gave an introduction to the problem of the EAB.

FPR has requested that we hang two traps using their guidance. Rose and Serena volunteered to take that on.

Tree and Shrub sale: There were more than 50 orders netting \$680.73 to each of the Plainfield and Marshfield commissions. That is about average.

Green Up Day: Because of Covid19 the date was moved to May 30. Dawna MacLaren is again helping Becky with this year's day. Changes have been made to insure safety.

Town Forest trails report: Sarah, Serena, and Julie walked what will be the main trail and marked stumps in preparation for the brush hog and stump removal work that needs to be done. We moved and accepted the submitted quote from K. Bellevance Land Works and Hauling and authorized Sarah to present the quote for the work to the Select Board. The money for the trails project will come from the Town Woodlands Fund.

Budget report and discussion: We have \$213 in the account to date. We hope to use the funds to print more brochures and to obtain compost for the Mill St. Park and various volunteer gardens in the village.

Other business, events, announcements: Mary told of her appreciation for the many webinars and talks sponsored by various groups such as Vermont Woodlands and Vermont Coverts, and forester Ethan Tapper. They are available on-line and will continue through the pandemic. Rose is interested in pollinators. Perhaps there will be educational opportunities in the future.

Adjourn: 8:25

Submitted by Mary Trerice