

Plainfield Conservation Commission Minutes

September 16, 2025

Present: Rose Paul, Julie Hackbarth, Mo Lynch, Becky Atchinson, Mary Terice

Minutes: August minutes were approved.

Front Porch Forum Discussion: There had been a few comments on FPF about roadside mowing and concerns for pollinators. One resident reached out to Julie regarding this. Josh, road commissioner, wrote that he is sensitive to the needs of the pollinators but the Town contracts out the mowing at this time and has little say about actual timing. Mowing must happen for safety and road maintenance.

Town Forest Trails: Rose got permission from the Selectboard for trial mowing and she is in contact with Bellivance to have this done. When the mowing is finished we need to remember to post in FPF so townspeople know they can walk the trails.

Village Ash Trees: Rose got permission from the selectboard to have Alexander Tree Service remove the identified dead and dying ash that had been planted by previous conservation commissions. Payment for the work will come from the Street Tree Fund.

Chestnut Tree Seedlings: Because it is so dry this year Rose fears planting seedlings in the Town Forest. She will look into the feasibility of healing them into her garden. There are concerns that the long roots they develop could be harmed if they are moved. More information to come...

Speaker Series: The series we are co-sponsoring with the Cutler Library starts soon and runs for three consecutive Tuesdays. Mary will ask Bob Fancher to post the information on our web-site.