

## Plainfield Conservation Commission Jun 21, 2023 Minutes

**Present:** Rose Paul, Julie Hackbarth, Becky Atchinson, Mary Trerice

**Minutes:** The May minutes were accepted as written.

**Emerald Ash Borer:** Mary has communicated with Bram, Road Commissioner and Selectboard member. He would like someone to go around town with him to identify problem trees in the road ROW using the maps that were produced by Joanne Garton of the Urban and Community Forestry Program in 2020. At that time 144 of over 2000 roadside ash trees were identified as in poor condition. **Rose will contact Bram** to see how we can help the town. She also mentioned the need for a safety program for the town road crew as infected trees become fragile and dangerous.

There is a dead link on some of our EAB information. **Mary will look into this** and she will see if the state has a model for small towns to deal with EAB infected trees.

**Rain Garden and Washburn Park:** **Becky** reported that the park looks unattended and though it's not our responsibility she will bring it to the **attention of the Town Clerk**. She also checked on the Mill St. Park rain garden and found it still silted in and saw water from the culvert or storm drain bubbling up into it during a hard rain event. We weren't sure if the garden was designed to filter the runoff from the parking lot or from the storm drain. **She'll check back with the road foreman** about this. Perhaps it needs a re-design as opposed to a cleaning.

**Electronic Records:** Becky found out from the town clerk that there are no protocols. We decided we'd use our google drive to archive information and continue putting useful public information on the town website.

**Town Forest:** Rose has not been able to get quotes for mowing the trails. We wondered if the road is passable for equipment at this point. **Rose offered to check** that and she'll continue to try to find someone to mow the trails. She will contact us about putting up trail markers.

**Tree and plant sale:** **Rose** had an idea for changing how the sale is conducted and we talked about that. The idea is to cut back on the work the commissions do and try to help out local businesses. **She'll be discussing this with the other commissions** involved and get back to us.

**Green Up Day:** **Becky wants us to rethink** how things are done at the rec field on the day. We can work on this during the winter.

**Important:** No meeting in July and August.

**Adjourn:** 8:15 **Respectfully submitted,** Mary Trerice, Secretary

