

May 17, 2023
Plainfield Conservation Commission Minutes

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

Minutes: The April minutes were approved as written.

Green-Up Day: It was a beautiful day and was quite successful. Becky has a spreadsheet comparing Green-Ups for the last 10 years and one alarming item was the number of tires found by the roadsides. **Becky will check** with the GU organization to see if there could be an amnesty day for tires. (She thinks they might be working on this.) The Twinfield kids were a great help once again.

Tree and Plant Sale: Not all the information is in yet but sales were \$5837 total which will give approx \$600 to each commission. This year plants could be ordered on-line which was helpful. Our CC will be responsible for taking the lead next year. We wondered if it's worth the work for such a small amount of money though it is a community event. **More to ponder** at a later date.

Ash Trees: **Mary will contact Bram** with the links for the ash tree survey of Plainfield's road ROW trees. There are about 2000. We don't have any guidance for the road commissioner but want to make sure he has this information.

Town Forest: Mary will bring up the question of access via Gonyeau Rd. with Bram. Perhaps he has some ideas. **Rose** has requested quotes for brush hogging the trails but hasn't heard back. She **will follow-up** on this.

Mill St. Park Rain Garden: Becky contacted Mike Bingham about cleaning out the garden. There's an abandoned car blocking the way but Mike is aware of the need to work on the garden and will take care of it when he can.

Archiving PCC Materials: Becky received some old files from Sarah Albert and will put them in the cabinet. While most everything we have should be readily available to the public some information, such as Conservation Fund applications, is more sensitive. We were wondering about a possible Town protocol for storing our materials and also there is the question of digital vs paper. **Becky will contact the Town Clerk** with this question.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is in June and Julie might not be able to attend. We will not meet in July and August.

Adjourn: 8:40

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Trerice