

Plainfield Conservation Commission Minutes October 18, 2023

Present: Rose Paul, Becky Atchinson, Mary Trerice and guests: Pam Kelly-Kinniburgh and Joanne Szwed

We welcomed Pam who is considering joining the Conservation Commission. We explained it would be great to have her officially join but joining in ad-hoc is the next best thing.

Minutes: June minutes approved with minor corrections. September minutes approved as written.

Rain Garden (at Mill St. Park): Becky spoke with Michael Bingham about cleaning out the accumulated silt. He said he'd get to it before winter. Rose had contacted Maple Hill School and they are interested in helping to work on the plant life there. It is overgrown with weeds and saplings. If they can schedule a time for their community service, **Rose** will work with them.

Joanne, who lives next door to the garden, pointed out that it fills with debris every time there is a major rain—something we've had much of this summer. It also breeds mosquitos.

Becky mentioned that with the heavier storms of late, perhaps that end of the park needs to be rethought and we might be able to get Friends of the Winooski involved. We believe they helped with the original design to help with run-off from the then new parking lot many years ago. **Rose** will try to get this on the CVRPC Tactical Basin Plan list of possible projects. (**Mary** will see if there is a zoom link for the most recent meeting where that was reviewed.)

Town Report: Rose has put together the financial report and **Julie** is working on the narrative. We will ask for our usual \$2000 for the Conservation Fund. Rose has asked the Town Clerk if the Town was invoiced for the Brickey Farm Conservation that took place this year.

Plant Sale: Nothing new.

Town Forest: Maple Hill School would like to do more trail work there. We are in need of extending the board walk and improving trails from the Maxfield Rd. parking lot.

Ash Trees: Mary sent information to the selectboard via an email to Riley Carlson. We want them to be aware of the survey that counts more than a thousand ash trees

in the town's ROW. EAB and planning for dealing with infected trees could be a good topic for an educational talk that we could sponsor.

Green Up Day in the Town Report: Becky will contact the Clerk to change the title of the report submitted by the Green Up Vermont group. She noted that the use of the word "committee" was confusing.

Misc. : Becky has put recent files from our Green Up Day on the PCC google drive site. She also has pamphlets, notes, and articles from Sarah Albert. We encouraged her to cull the collection and then what remains can be stored in our space at the Town office.

Next Meeting: November 15

Adjourn: 8:34

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Trerice