March 15, 2023 Minutes
Plainfield Conservation Commission

Present: Rose Paul, Julie Hackbarth, Mary Trerice, Becky Atchinson,
          Guest: Brian Voigt of Central Vt. Regional Planning Commission

Brian: He is a senior planner focused on natural resources and came to brief us on water quality projects. He talked about several groups who work on clean water projects. Each watershed in Vermont has a basin planner with the Clean Water Advisory Committee. We are, of course, under the Winooski River banner.

Clean Water Service Provider: The EPA requires Vermont to reduce phosphorous flow into Lake Champlain. The CVRPC is a service provider and is tasked with meeting a reduction of 10%. Much will be regulatory but they are looking for clean water partners to identify and implement projects. The PCC could be a local collaborator and the storm water master plan should provide an inventory of ideas. Proposed projects could be large or small and funding is prioritized based on reducing phosphorus in a cost effective manner. (This is all too complicated for these minutes but there are many on-line resources to explain the programs.)

The rain garden at Mill St. Park is an example of such a possible project. It needs maintenance and funding could be available. We could perhaps partner with Friends of the Winooski. A more substantial and costly project could be addressing a developing gully on agricultural land.

Plant Sale: Pick up will be April 30 at Jacquith Library which means that breakdown of orders will be at Bram's barn on April 29. Rose will keep us informed.

Green Up Day: Nothing specific yet. It will be an item for April's agenda. Becky wants to be sure that future reports for the Town Report clearly state they are from the state organization, not us. (see page 76 of this year's report)

Minutes: The January 18 minutes were approved and Julie will send them on for posting along with the approved November minutes.

Next meeting: April 19, 7 pm. Rose will post.

Adjourn: 8:27
Respectfully submitted, Mary Trerice