

December 16, 2020 Minutes Plainfield Conservation Commission

Present via Zoom: Sarah Albert, Becky Atchinson, Julie Hackbarth, Serena Matt, Rose Paul, Mary Trerice

Minutes: The November minutes were approved.

Budget: The Selectboard is proposing level funding our \$375 budget. They are also proposing to continue the reduction to the Conservation Fund. This would mean funding it at \$1500. They will decide at their January 5 meeting. We strongly feel that since it was reduced two years running it should be returned to the original amount of \$2500. Sarah will communicate with the board. (We believe that at least \$2000 is necessary.)

Town Report: Sarah, as Treasurer, will create the budget report and Julie will write the narrative.

Tree Sale: Cabot will be invited to join in the sale this year. Serena will work with Sarah to organize the sale. We might be able to publicize the sale as a way to purchase trees and shrubs to help with water management on private land. Also, Mary will check through County Forester Ethan Tapper's youtube channel to see if there are videos to recommend to our townspeople for general forest management.

Water Quality Training (our November meeting): Kristin Balschunat sent a document of resource links and the power point documents from her training. These will be posted on our PCC webpage. If Kristin is willing, perhaps she could do a presentation for the Town.

Water-wise woodlands: The CVRPC prioritized parcels that could affect quality of the Winooski. They are very interested in parcels that are not in current use and would like recommendations from us of landowners that might be approachable to work with them. Rose has sent us a spreadsheet and we should send her our individual recommendations for outreach.

Other business: Rose presented a letter of support for us to approve, which we did. It is in support of Friends of the Winooski application for a Lake Champlain Basin Program grant for signage and management of access to the Winooski. There is already a good site behind the Food Co-op in Plainfield.

Adjourn: 8:20 Respectfully submitted, Mary Trerice

