July 21, 2021 Minutes
Plainfield Conservation Commission

Present: Sarah Albert, Becky Atchinson, Julie Hackbarth, Serena Matt, Rose Paul, Mary Trerice, Guest: Andrea Gould

(We met in person at the Municipal Office Building.)

Minutes: June minutes were approved.

Town Governance Survey: Mary is responding to the Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation's survey and had a few questions. All towns are being asked to complete the survey. Our current Town Forest was acquired in 2006.   Mary will finish the survey and share the results when they are available.

Website: Our annual town reports should be posted. Julie will see to this either by sending directly to Tammy Farnham or forwarding to Mary to send them on.

Town Forest: Sarah received a quote for $420 to mow the trails and that was approved by the selectboard. Sarah will continue to oversee the mowing this year and will let us know when it is to happen so other members can be there. Road access continues to be a hindrance to promoting use of the forest. Jacqueline Soule has offered to do a walk in the forest explaining the uses of plants found there.

Meeting Format: This will be a future discussion. We would ideally have hybrid sessions but need to see if this is possible.

Mission and Goals discussion: We had a free ranging discussion about the Conservation Commission that was difficult to capture for these minutes. We want to be clear on our responsibilities and develop an action plan. This will be continued at the September meeting. Sarah is sending us documents such as the state statute for CCs. We will use the Town Plan pgs 30-35, 66, and 112-115 for our next discussion to clarify what we might target for our next activities.

Members should prepare for the September meeting by having three ideas from the town plan to discuss and by becoming familiar with what is on our website. We know that responsibilities include: Green Up Day, Town Forest oversight and development, Tree and Shrub Sale, Annual Report and Budget.

Respectfully submitted: Mary Trerice