

Plainfield Conservation Commission
DRAFT -- Meeting Minutes 16 May 2018

Present: Becky Atchinson, Charlie Cogbill, Julie Hackbarth, Mary Trerice, Jan Waterman

Absent: Sarah Albert, Kim Sudol,

Meeting convened by Jan at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes from April meeting approved.

Town Forest work day planned for Thursday May 31 from 2:00 to 4:00, depending on weather. We intend to do light trail clearing, using weed whackers and rakes on the trails cleared last fall. Meet at the Gonyeau Rd. parking area.

Emerald Ash Borer: Charlie contacted Michael Snyder, Forest and Parks Commissioner, to find out what's offered to help communities become better informed and involved. Statewide quarantine is in effect (also in some areas of MA and NH). Maps of infested areas are not yet available, but the state is developing a series of recommendations. One source strongly suggested: Don't cut down infected ash trees. Jan noted that we have a tentative date (July 8th, no time yet set) to meet with the Marshfield CC and Meredith Whitney (VT Community Forestry, Forest Pest Educator - meredith.whitney@uvm.edu) to learn about EAB. (As I prepare the minutes I have added website address here: <https://vtinvasives.org/land/emerald-ash-borer-vermont/identify-eab-ash-trees>)

Tree and Shrub Sale: Jan reported that, according to a conversation with Anne Miller, each commission will receive about \$790. Anne thought this was slightly more than last year.

Green Up: Becky reported. Volunteers picked up most, but not all the roads in town. Becky and Delia, in a Front Porch Forum post, sent a nice thank you to specific volunteers for their contributions, along with the report below. Good job, everyone!

Volunteers in Plainfield on Saturday collected about 1,000 lbs. of trash.
- About 45 volunteers participated
- 58 bags of trash and several bags of returnables were collected
- 15 tires collected

Twinfield Students picked up about 1,300 lbs. from both Plainfield & Marshfield on Thursday (and were courageous in the face of a downpour!)
- About 150 students plus 30 adults drivers and walkers participated
- About 300 bags of trash and 20 bags of returnables were collected
- Estimated 50-100 tires collected

Act 171: Per direction of the CC at our last meeting, Jan asked Monica P. (CVRPC) to review the current draft of zoning regs with an eye to Act 171 requirements. She provided extensive, thoughtful feedback, which Jan forwarded to the rest of the CC.

Town Plan: Next Monday 21st, the Planning Commission is meeting with Eric Vorwald (CVRPC) for consultation on town plan revisions. Jan intends to attend.

ANR Tactical Basin Plan: Bram circulated a notice that the draft plan, while not ready for public review, is available in the clerk's office now. Charlie will look it over.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 20th at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Waterman, Co-Chair and Secretary