

Plainfield Conservation Commission
November 18, 2020 Minutes

Present: Sarah Albert, Becky Atchinson, Julie Hackbarth, Serena Matt, Rose Paul, Mary Trerice, guest Kirsten Balschunat

Our meeting was held via Zoom.

Water Quality Training: Kirsten gave a very interesting, one hour, presentation on water quality issues as they affect the Winooski River. Essentially all of Plainfield is in the Winooski watershed and potentially can have an impact on water quality in the Winooski and ultimately Lake Champlain. Towns are being encouraged to look for projects. The Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District, Friends of the Winooski, and CVRPC are all working together to encourage and facilitate, for example, tree/buffer planting, best road salt practices, and best storm water practices. There are some grants available.

Town Forest Update: The puncheon was already installed and for less than \$500! Sarah will send a thank you to Maple Hill School and post an acknowledgement in Front Porch Forum and the Times Argus.

Water-wise Woodlands: Serena and Rose reported on the meeting they attended. The group is still trying to find its way in this time of pandemic. The CCs there talked about collaborating more widely on the Tree and Shrub Sale by adding Cabot into the mix.

Possible presentation: We were impressed with Kirsten's presentation and will discuss possibly having her do a presentation for the town.

Minutes: The October minutes were approved.
Adjourn: 8:45

Respectfully submitted, Mary Trerice