

**Plainfield Conservation Commission**  
**October 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Rose Paul, Becky Atchinson, Julie Hackbarth

**Minutes:** The September 18, 2025 Minutes were approved, with one spelling type correction in the 2nd paragraph (trail not trial).

**Use of Conservation Fund as match for Better Connections grant:**

On behalf of the Selectboard, Rose is preparing an application for a “Better Connections Grant” that would fund a Master Plan for bike and pedestrian connectivity throughout the village. The use of conservation funds to match a Better Connections grant was discussed. The group concluded that the use of Conservation Fund for this type of planning grant does not meet the intent of the Fund which is for funding actual land conservation projects.

**Brush hogging town forest trail:** Bellevance Landworks is planning to mow the Town Forest Trails on Thursday October 23, 2025. Rose plans to be at the town forest to walk the trail while the trails are being mowed.

**Ash tree removal in village:**

Four declining ash trees were successfully cut down on Monday October 6, 2025. Rose and Julie helped manage traffic while Main Street was closed off.

**Review of CC finances to date:** Rose reported that the \$300 Annual Budget for the current year (FY2026) are all allocated (Zoom - \$160, AVCC membership -\$50, Tree cutting - \$150). The cost of brushhogging the town forest (\$570) will be paid out of the Town Forest Special Fund. Ash Tree Removal in the village (\$3,600) will be paid out to the Street Tree Special Fund.

**Other business:**

**Wheels for Warmth:** Becky plans to post information on Front Porch Forum about the upcoming tire reuse and recycling event in Barre on October 23 & 24.

**The Cutler Library Lecture Series:** The lecture series was a huge success! All three lectures were really well attended. The speakers were inspiring!

**Next monthly meeting:** November 19, 2025, 7 PM via ZOOM

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Hackbarth