March 20, 2024 Plainfield Conservation Commission Minutes

Present: Rose Paul, Julie Hackbarth, Becky Atchinson, Mary Trerice Guest: Maureen (Mo) Lynch

Minutes: The November minutes were approved. There was not a quorum present for the December meeting but the minutes will be recorded as "Notes".

Note: Mo will submit a letter to the select board asking to be appointed to the PCC. This news was enthusiastically received by all.

Triple Point Area: There had been talk of possible dumping on this conservation land at the corner of Rte. 214 and Taylor Farm Rd. Becky and Mo attended the select board meeting where it was discussed but it still wasn't clear. When the weather clears Becky will check it out and see if it is on the TPA. If so, perhaps the trash can be dealt with as part of Green-Up.

Green-Up Day: It is May 4^{th} this year. Becky happily reported that Mo volunteered to help her organize the event in Plainfield. We had a wide-ranging discussion about the day and we will discuss this at the April meeting.

Becky mentioned the Vermont Top to Bottom Challenge that Green-Up Vermont is offering to clean up Rte. 100 from border to border. We decided that since we are quite distant from 100 we won't put much energy towards it. We can post on FPF and Plainfield People if asked to.

EAB: Mary reported having an email exchange with Joanne Garton of Vermont Community Forestry. Joanne did the survey of ash trees, public and private, that could affect the town ROWs. She would be happy to do most any type of presentation to town officials and residents. She had already set up a call with Rose to discuss this. (March 27, 11 a.m. This can be a zoom meeting if others want to join)

Mary reminded the group that we had made sure the select board and road foreman knew of the survey, that it's available on our website, and that we had encouraged them to develop a plan. Can the County Forester help? What can Joanne offer?

Act 59 Focus Group: Becky plans to attend.

Adjourned: 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Trerice