

Plainfield Conservation Commission Minutes

June 19, 2019

Present: Sarah Albert, Becky Atchinson, Mary Trerice

Minutes: The May meeting minutes were approved as written.

Tree Sale Update: We will talk about the allocation of the proceeds between Marshfield and Plainfield when Julie Hackbarth can be part of the discussion.

Town Forest Update: Sarah spoke with Joe Astick of Maple Hill School. She has connected him with Greg Western. Hopefully they will be able to work together on the Town Forest trails. Additionally, she is looking for someone to mow the trails. They need to be insured. We discussed the condition of the trails. The woodland trail is fine but brambles are taking over the newer trails in the bowl.

EAB Roadside Inventory: We've learned that JoAnn Garton from the State will be doing the inventory and plans to work with students. Becky will check with Bram to get an update on the EAB efforts in town. We are not sure, yet, what we can do to help.

Recruiting new members: We continued to discuss recruiting strategies. It's possible that getting folks involved with discreet projects might create interest in joining the commission. We started brainstorming possible events such as a speaker series and workshops.

Wild Chervil along roadsides: A townspeople asked if anything could be done about the chervil growing beside Route 2 near the Health Center. This brought up the question of how the State and the Town deal with invasives in the road right-of-way. For instance, where does the dirt from ditching go? Becky will check with Bram Towbin about this and offer our assistance if the Town doesn't have a plan to prevent spreading of the invasives.

Adjourn: 8:45

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Trerice