

Plainfield Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes 20 November 2013

Present: Sarah Albert, Becky Buchanan, Becky Cushing, Julie Hackbarth, Kate Harper, Jan Waterman

Absent: Charlie Cogbill

Minutes: Minutes from October meeting approved.

Annual Budget and Town Report narrative: Budget is due 13 December; narrative due 10 January. We reviewed prospective expenses for coming year, including refreshments for educational events, printing and copying costs, dues, conference registrations, maps, signs and brochures for town forest, possible costs of grant applications.

Town Forest Trails grant: Sarah gave us an update on the progress of the grant application and discussions she has had with foresters and grant administrator. Vote to put forward up to \$600, if needed, from Tree Fund to pay for Redstart to provide silviculture plan and mark trees in town forest for cutting - approved.

Tree and Shrub Sale: Sarah met with Marshfield conservation commissioners to review next year's plant sale flyer and plant selections. This year, the deadline to order will be April 7th; pickup date will be April 26th; flyers will be ready as usual by town meeting day. Plant prep will be done in two shifts for better organization, at Ross & Warren's barn as usual, on the 25th.

Pet waste signage and education: Kate has been researching examples of ways to approach more effective public education about this issue. We discussed the ideas she has so far; she'll continue her efforts.

Next meeting: December 18th, 2013 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jan Waterman, Secretary
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