

Plainfield Conservation Commission
21 December 2016

Present: Sarah Albert, Becky Buchanan, Charlie Cogbill Mary Trerice, Jan Waterman

Absent: Julie Hackbarth, Kate Harper

7:30 Convene

Minutes of March meeting were approved.

Town Forest: Sarah gave update on construction and sign placement. She now has the GIS points for the trails, and will apply them to a map of the trails system and send out a PDF for our review before sending it to print.

Clay Hill: Brett Engstrom expressed concern about what seemed to be a road being established near or thru the wetland area at the foot of Clay Hill. Charlie checked it out, and spoke with the land owner there, Richard Wiswall, who is very aware of the wetland and very responsible about avoiding it. No further action needed.

Tree Ordinance: Sarah researched ordinances and policy regarding public trees, and brought information from the VT Urban and Community Forestry Program. We explored the benefits of an ordinance for Plainfield's trees in public spaces. Sarah will approach the Selectboard to see if they would like us to develop one.

Public Forum: Planned for public forum with Jens Hilke on January 10, 7 pm at the Opera House.

Town Plan goals and responsibilities: We reviewed the current town plan, examining the responsibilities assigned to the CC, evaluating our progress and setting priorities for the coming year. We will continue this at the next meeting.

Chair for March CC meeting: Sarah and Jan will both be out of town for our March meeting; someone else will need to step in to chair it.

8:40 Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Jan Waterman, Secretary

Next meeting January 18, 7:15 p.m.