

**Plainfield Conservation Commission**  
**17 August 2016**

**Present:** Sarah Albert, Charlie Cogbill, Kate Harper, Julie Hackbarth, Mary Trerice, Jan Waterman

**Absent:** Becky Buchanan

**Guest:** Ross Sneyd

**7:15 Convene**

**Minutes** of July meeting were approved.

**Archeological Assessment:** Sarah emailed commissioners and Selectboard members the report from the assessment; she will have some copies printed up as well. It's a very well-done, interesting report. After assessing the parking areas and walking thru the forest with Sarah, the investigator did not think anything of archaeological significance was to be found in the town forest.

**Municipal Day:** September 9th. One of the organizers, Faith Ingulsrud, contacted us to ask if we could speak with her about the process we went through for the ecological inventory. Jan will call her.

**VLT report:** Sumana Serchek reported that she walked the boundary of the Triple Point Natural Area, looking for invasive plants. She didn't see any, but we are encouraged to look deeper. Charlie will check it out, to see what's needed.

**Town Forest discussion:** Ross joined us for this discussion. He reviewed the events leading to this point, and suggested possible actions we could take to address the concerns brought to the Selectboard about the town forest by Pat Tibbetts. We discussed several ideas, and settled on an approach Ross suggested: to create and post signs in the parking areas noting the hours vehicles are allowed, and asking people to clean up after themselves, and to please be considerate of the neighbors.

**Mill Street Park:** Sarah, Betsy Z. and Jacqueline Soule have organized a work party to clean up the flower beds at the park on Tuesday August 23, at 5:30. Sarah will post this on public media and encourages more participation.

**Old Home Day:** Betsy Z. has asked a couple of times for CC participation in Old Home Days events, September 17. One of her suggestions was that we organize a guided walk along the Great Brook to talk about the river's history, impact on the town, human impact on the

river, etc. Another possibility was for us to do a stream bank restoration demo. Between some members' travel plans that weekend and others' not feeling able to take on these projects, we won't be able to accede to the request this year. Sarah suggested that we plan a guided walk for next years' OHD, to focus on trees in public spaces, working from the recently completed inventory of Street Trees. Jan will let Betsy know, and will also forward to her the CC's suggestion that George Springston or another member of the former Flood Hazard Committee would be excellent choices for the Great Brook guided walk.

**Draft of Zoning Regulations:** Sarah and Jan presented the results of the work they've done to create clearer and more complete definitions of terms used in the regulations, as suggested by Jens, and as Will's requested. We discussed and modified them, and will forward them to Jens and the Planners in advance of their meeting next Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sarah and Jan will also attend that meeting; the whole CC is invited.

### **8:50 Adjourn**

Respectfully submitted by Jan Waterman, Secretary

Next meetings September 21, 7:15 p.m.