

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2018

Present: Sarah Albert, Becky Atchinson, Charlie Cogbill, Julie Hackbarth and Mary Trerice

Sarah convened the meeting at 7:15. Agenda reviewed.

Minutes: September minutes approved.

Review of pending action items: Discussed contact from David McMath from the Vermont Land Trust about making contact with the owner of a property in Plainfield that has a conservation easement. Currently there are 6 parcels in Plainfield that have conservation easements with the Vermont Land Trust (Mathews/Townsend, Dole/Townsend, Triple Point Natural Area, Smith Farm, Littlewood Farm and most recently a parcel for which donation of a conservation easement was made to the Vermont Land Trust.

Annual Report and Budget for next fiscal year: Julie will draft an annual report and Sarah will prepare the budget. Both will be forwarded to Linda Wells for inclusion in the Town Report

Town Forest Trail: Sarah reported that Mike Nolan is interested in mowing the town forest trails. Sarah plans to follow up with him about mowing in 2019. She understands that he does have liability insurance, which is required for anyone hired by the town to do work.

Annual Tree Sale: The group discussed whether to ask Marshfield if they would like to take over management of the tree sale and the types of help our commission members can provide. Sarah will follow up with Ann Miller, member of the Marshfield CC.

Town Forest Puncheon repair/construction: Sarah will check with Kim about the status of involving Maple Hill school in doing a community service project to repair/construct the puncheon on the town forest land. The contact at Maple Hill School is Joe Astick.

Speaker Series: The group discussed whether there are education events planned for 2019. Charlie will talk with Loona at the Cutler Library about whether any events are being planned as part of the speaker series put on and sponsored by of the Jaquith and Cutler Libraries, and the Marshfield and Plainfield Conservation Commissions.

EAB Task Force: The group discussed whether there is anything the CC wants to do in 2019 related to EAB. The CC will defer to that task force's needs for assistance and could help with communications and information outreach meetings. Charlie is on the task force.

Meeting adjourned around 8:30 PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: Wednesday December 19, 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by Julie Hackbarth
Plainfield Conservation Commission

Follow Up/Action Items:

- TF brush hog job, and take the matter to the Selectboard for approval. Sarah
- Status of working with Maple Hill School about involving students in projects at Town forest such as replacing the puncheon in the wetlands. Sarah will check with Kim.

- Creating a tiered map and letting Will/PCC know if one is being prepared. Sarah
- Charlie will ask Loona about any speaker series events planned for 2019.