

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2018

Present: Sarah Albert, Becky Buchanan, Charlie Cogbill, Julie Hackbarth, Kim Sudol Mary Trerice and Jan Waterman

Sarah convened the meeting at 7:20. Agenda reviewed.

Minutes: August minutes approved.

Pamphlet Holders: Becky set up pamphlet holders at Coop and Library and will put one up at the post office.

CVRPC Tactical Basin Plan: No one was able to attend the meeting about the report on 9/17.

Tiered Map: Sarah wants to consult with the Planning Commission and others about what tiers to be included a map for the Zoning Ordinance.

Town Forest Trail: Sarah talked to Mike Nolan about mowing trails. He is going to go out and look at the trails. Sarah reported that liability insurance is required for anyone hired by the town to do this work. She wants to get the trails mowed this year. Otherwise it would be next July. There is a lot of pine regeneration near the kiosk. We will need to decide whether to snip the seedlings. Sarah mentioned dissatisfaction in repair done this year to the town road that leads up to the town forest.

Town Forest Puncheon repair/construction. Kim spoke with Joe Astic at Maple Hill School. He is interested in community service projects but would need to clearly understand what they would be doing. Projects discussed were creating a knoll picnic area, weed wacking a trail from the puncheon up to where that trail meets the bush hogged trail, and doing puncheon repairs that requires project planning. The group agreed that the next step would be doing a site visit with Joe to figure out a good project that could include students designing the project and preparing a materials list and cost estimate. Kim plans to follow up on this.

EAB Task Force: Charlie is on the task force. He reported that there are about 1000 ash trees in the road right of ways throughout Plainfield. It could cost \$700 to take down a tree. Considering this, the task force is considering a wait and see approach rather than a proactive removal of ash trees.

Meeting adjourned before 9 PM.

Next regular meeting Wednesday October 18, 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by Julie Hackbarth
Plainfield Conservation Commission

Action Items:

- **Sarah** will follow up on TF brush hog job, and take the matter to the Selectboard for approval.

- **Kim** will continue discussion with her contact at Maple Hill School about involving students there projects at Town forest such as replacing the puncheon in the wetlands
- **Sarah** will follow up creating a tiered map and letting Will/PCC know if one is being prepared