

November 15, 2023 Plainfield Conservation Commission Minutes

Present: Rose Paul, Becky Atchinson, Julie Hackbarth, Mary Trerice and Guest: Maureen Lynch

We welcomed Maureen (Mo) who is considering joining the Commission.

Minutes: The October minutes were approved with minor changes.

Emeral Ash Borer: Mary reported that she had contacted the Selectboard and we are on the agenda for the next meeting. The purpose is to be sure the road foreman and the selectboard members know about the EAB information on our website which includes a survey of all the ash trees in the town right-of-way. Mary and Rose for sure will attend and all are welcome.

EAB is a possible topic for a town wide educational opportunity. Mary will reach out to Joanne Garten of Forest and Parks to see what might be possible.

Mill St. Park Rain Garden: Rose worked with two students and three staff from Maple Hill School to clean up vegetation. It is much neater now, She posted a thank you to them and received a thank you from the neighbor. Rose sent in the idea to the Tactical Basin group that the garden needs reworking and Becky reported contacting Friends of the Winooski. We discussed the future of this project but don't really know enough. Mo suggested we look at the Dept of Fish and Wildlife's watershed grants, due early in 2024, because rain gardens are one of the topics they will grant money for. Rose said she'd look into it. Link is <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/get-involved/apply-for-a-grant/watershed-grant>
To be continued...

Town Report: Submitted.

Plant Sale: Rose presented the new idea of East Hill Tree Farm hosting a Commissions Day. It would be the weekend after Mothers Day. More later.

Educational Presentation Opportunities: We discussed a few possibilities: Dam Removal, The Great Brook and the Winooski in Plainfield, EAB. These could be talks, on-site explorations, or work shops.

New Member? We encouraged Mo to join us by submitting a request for appointment to the Selectboard.

Adjourn: Apprx. 8 (I forgot to write down the time.)

Respectfully submitted, Mary Trerice

