

**Plainfield Conservation Commission**  
**September 18, 2024 Minutes**

**Present:** Rose Paul, Mo Lynch, Becky Atchinson, Mary Trerice  
Guests: Lincoln Frasca and Brian Voigt CVRPC

**Water Quality Restoration Opportunities in Plainfield from the Central Vt Regional Planning Commission.** Lincoln and Brian led a discussion of possible projects that could take place in Plainfield. There were several types such as riparian buffer planting at the Town recreation field or flood plain work following FEMA buy-outs with possible co-funding for larger projects, and other projects that can be found on the Clean Water Project Explorer. All their projects are from the Winooski Tactical Basin Plan and are aimed at reducing the phosphorus load in Lake Champlain. CVRPC could administer any of the projects and would need a letter of support from our Select Board.

We pointed out that any possibilities for projects along the Great Brook or the Winooski would likely need re-planning due to the severity of the summer flood. Rose mentioned that the Recreation Field Committee should be contacted about the buffer project. CVRPC can provide a model letter about the design phase of any project. Our consensus was to move forward on the Rec Field project and Rose will contact Jamie Spector from the committee.

In the future: We should look at the projects they were proposing and prioritize them.

**Minutes:** We did not have a quorum of members who attended that meeting so we could not approve.

**EAB:** Mary will post on Plainfield People and Front Porch Forum about the EAB problem in Plainfield and remind folks how to find the information on our web page.

**AVCC Meeting:** Mary attended the annual meeting via zoom and it is available on-line for review. There were a few interesting town forest projects described and a discussion about the town forest survey that is underway. They want to understand how town forests are managed throughout the state.

**Town Forest:** Access via Gonyeau Rd still remains a problem. Mary and Karl Bissex will investigate the Gonyeau Rd and Maxfield Rd access points and report back. Were there any major changes after the heavy rains?

**Rain Garden:** Becky reported that it had been cleaned out the day before the flood. We should perhaps check the Fish and Wildlife Grant to re-assess drainage from the Mill St parking lot and park.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Mary Trerice