

**Plainfield Conservation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting Held August 8, 2017**

Meeting was held in Town Hall.

Commissioners present: Jack Nelson, Alice Schertle, Judy Williams (Chair)

Present for discussion of Bow St. work and culvert replacement: Mark Stinson, Wetlands Circuit Rider, DEP Western Region

**Call to Order**, Judy Williams, 7:05 P.M.

**Minutes**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of June 28, 2017 be approved as read.

**Wetlands Compliance Sheet**

Jack's revision of the Wetlands Compliance Informational Sheet for property owners was approved by the Commission. Copies will be made available to the Town Clerk and the Building Inspector. A copy of the Newton wetlands compliance check-off list, included in the MACC newsletter, will be kept for use by the Commission.

**Notices Reviewed**

Judy read the notice of an award of \$712,500 for property acquisition made to the Swift River Project by the Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

Judy read letters from Eversource regarding maintenance along the right-of-way for installation of lightning structures and for replacement of deteriorating ceramic insulators.

Eversource is in the process of removing trees likely to fall and damage power lines. Efforts should be made to replace trees that are removed.

Judy read notice of a Purchase and Sale Agreement for property on Alden Lane. There are wetlands on the property.

**Waryjasz property**

Jack and Judy reported on a site visit they made with selectman Winton Pitcoff to inspect a waste disposal site on the Waryjasz property. The property is under agricultural restriction. The Conservation Commission will support all efforts to keep the property in agricultural use.

**Beetle meeting**

Judy reported that Winton Pitcoff, as Tree Warden, is interested in working with the Conservation Commission to provide a public informational meeting on the Emerald Ash Borer and Asian Long-horned Beetle.

**Bow St.**

DEP Western Region Circuit Rider Mark Stinson joined the meeting to discuss road work done in a jurisdictional area on Bow St. An anonymous complaint was received by the DEP in regard to fill placed in a wetland by the Highway Department to build up the Bow St. shoulder. Mark said the Wetlands Protection Act requires restoration of the wetland. The Conservation Commission must issue an Enforcement Order requiring removal of the introduced fill from the wetland and grass seeding for stabilization.

**Culvert Replacement, North St.**

Mark discussed culvert replacement of an existing stream crossing. Work should comply with MA Stream Crossing Standards to the maximum extent practicable. An NOI must be submitted to do the work.

The Commission will arrange a meeting with Mert Taylor to discuss road work in a jurisdictional area and culvert replacement. Commissioners are appreciative of the excellent work Mert does as highway superintendent and his willingness to cooperate with the Conservation Commission. We will work together to make compliance with WPA requirements as easy as possible.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wed., August 30, 7:00 P.M., at the Town Hall.

**Adjourned**, 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Schertle