

Plainfield Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting Held June 28, 2017

Meeting was held in Town Hall.

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

Call to Order, Judy Williams, 7:00 P.M.

Jack opened the meeting with a Ron Larsen quote.

Minutes

Jack moved, Erik seconded that the minutes of 5-31-17 be approved as read.

Forest Cutting Plans

Erik reported that he has consulted with Service Forester Alison Wright and identified three completed plans:

Harding property on Hawley St., approved.

Potter property on West Main, approved.

Isen property on West St, disapproved.

Erik will inquire with Alison Wright about an area on West St. where cutting has been observed.

MACC Review

Annual dues of \$191 for the Plainfield Conservation Commission are based on town population and other criteria. MACC is initiating a pre-pay requirement for conference fees, a practice Plainfield has always followed.

Extensive information and many support programs are available from MACC on line.

Other Business

Cathy Hall provided Judy with a list of names, addresses and plot designations of all properties in town. The list will be kept in the ConCom file.

Jack attended the town meeting on 6-27-17. He reported that as part of the Union St. solar project agreement property owners can apply, on a first-come-first-served basis, for a 15% reduction in their electric bills.

We reviewed the NOI submitted to the Select Board to convert land on Union to commercial use as a result of the solar project.

Judy signed off on building permits for two properties:

Shearer, 267 Prospect, deck construction

Hanson/Wayne. 33 Stetson, continuing work

Jack will rework the information sheet for property owners on interactions with the Conservation Commission. Thank you, Jack!

Judy brought a map showing Emerald Ash Borer presence in Massachusetts, including areas of contamination in southern and eastern parts of the state as well as in western Mass.

Commission reviewed material put out by MA Dept. of Agriculture recommending ways for property owners to deal with ash trees and emerald ash borers. Included was a list of consultants available for presentations on the ash borer.

Judy will consult with Winton Pitcoff, our Tree Warden, about a possible public information meeting on the ash borer.

Erik reported on the Connecticut Expansion Project in the Otis State Forest.

There will be no meeting in July as two commissioners will be away.

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be Wednesday, August 30, 7:00 P.M, in the Town Hall.

Adjourned, 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Schertle