

Approved 2018-06-27

**Plainfield Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting Held May 30, 2018**

Meeting was held in Town Hall.

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

Also present: Alain Peteroy, Director of Land Conservation, Franklin Land Trust; Stephen M. Hutchinson, Central and Regional Director, Mass Audubon

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

Minutes John moved, Erik seconded that the minutes of 4-25-18 be approved as read. Unanimous.

Nelson/Sargent Conservation Restriction

Alain Peteroy brought a copy of the Jack Nelson/Jeanne Sargent CR for review by the Commission. Jack recused himself from the discussion. Erik, John, Judy and Alice signed the Acceptance of the Conservation Restriction.

Alain brought a sample of the sign to be posted identifying conserved land.

FLT/Mass Audubon Partnership Grant, West Street

Alain described the Partnership Grant which enables Mass Audubon to purchase the 109-acre O'Brien parcel on West Street, with the Conservation Restriction to be held by Franklin Land Trust. The land abuts Audubon's West Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary. The Conservation Restriction excludes use of motorized vehicles, most construction, and certain other activities detrimental to preservation of the land in its natural and undeveloped state. Public access would be permitted. Maps of the property were reviewed. There are 6 acres of wetland on the property and 3 potential vernal pools.

The project would have to be approved by the Select Board. The Board will review the issue and hear a presentation from Mass Audubon at their June 12, 2018 meeting.

Vote, Municipal Certification

Judy moved that the Conservation Commission sign a Municipal Certification approving the Conservation Restriction to be held by the Franklin Land Trust on the O'Brien parcel. Jack seconded the motion. Unanimous in favor. The Municipal Certification was signed by all Commission members.

Certificate of Compliance, 151 South Street

Judy received a request for a Certificate of Compliance in regard to a 1991 NOI for a project on South Street. Judy contacted Ed Stockman, a Conservation Commissioner at the time, who said that he felt the Order of Conditions had been satisfied. Judy moved, Jack seconded that we issue and sign a Certificate of Compliance. Unanimous in favor. All commissioners signed the CC.

Alain Peteroy and Stephen Hutchinson left the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Fiber Hub, Public Safety Complex

Land has been cleared to provide a location for Plainfield's fiber optic hub by the Public Safety Complex. The Commission agreed that there are no wetland issues. Judy will sign off on the building permit.

Solar Project Site Visit, Union St.

Commission discussed a site visit made by Erik, Jack, Judy and Alice on 5-7-18 to inspect the area planned for phase one of the solar project on Union. They were accompanied by Justin Kasunik, Construction Manager, Nexamp. Another site visit will be made before work commences on the next phase of the project.

Plainfield Tree Alliance

There will be a meeting of the Plainfield Tree Alliance on June 4, 2018. A presentation will be given by DCR Urban and Community Forrester Molly Freilicher.

The Commission looked at list of roadside trees recommended by National Grid. Some of the trees were non-native, some invasive.

Other Business

Erik described the Water Is Life Walk on which participants collect headwaters and carry them along a route from Pittsfield to Stratford, CT. Walkers honor the waters by enabling some to reach the Sound unimpeded by dams and obstructions and free of resulting pollution.

Judith Hanson and Pamela Wayne plan a project on their Crooked Pond property, for which they will submit an RDA.

Gary Rzab and Janine Parker, 330 Main St, may submit an RDA and request a site visit.

Next Meeting of the Conservation Commission will be held June 27, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall.

Adjourned 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Schertle