**Plainfield Conservation Commission**

**Minutes of Meeting held October 30, 2019**

Meeting was held in Town Hall. Commissioners present: Erik Burcroff, Jack Nelson, Alice Schertle, Judy Williams (Chair)

**Call to Order**, Judy Williams, 7:10 p.m.

**Minutes** of 9-25-19 were approved as amended.

**Open Space Plan**

Judy read from an Open Space Plan developed in Plainfield in 2007. Members of the Open Space committee included Emily Stockman and Emily Boss from the Conservation Commission and Anne Capra and Andrew Smith from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. Other members included Justine Harrison and June Nash. The plan addressed issues such as environmental protection and recreational use. An Open Space Plan was never adopted by the town of Plainfield.

In 2013 the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission put together a Plainfield Land Use Master Plan representing an inventory of spaces and projection of possible land uses.

**Site Visits**

Jack reported on a follow-up site visit to 4 Stetson. The foundation work was properly done to avoid impact.

Judy made a site visit to 13 Maple Street, property owned by David Filkins. The project involves removal of a house and garage 100 feet from a stream and construction of a building on the existing footprint. Commissioners inspected a map of the area. Judy will sign off on the project.

**Local Wetland Regulations**

Commissioners reviewed Mark Stinson’s responses to Jack’s request for reactions to a possible wetland bylaw for Plainfield. The ConCom will study bylaws in similar or nearby towns. Erik will report on Chesterfield’s bylaw. Judy will report on bylaws in Ashfield and Windsor.

**Forest Cutting Plain**

Erik spoke with Service Forester Alison Wright regarding an FCP by Tom Brule for David Thibault on the former Waryjasz property. Alison has requested that the flagging be moved. She said that cutting has not yet been done.

Because of the holidays, Conservation Committee meetings will not be held in November and December unless a need arises. We will meet on Jan. 29, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall.

Adjourned, 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Schertle