

*Approved 9-25-19*

**Plainfield Conservation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting Held August 28, 2019**

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

Present for MVP report: Howard Bronstein, Chair, Plainfield Select Board

**Call to Order**, Judy Williams, 7:00 p.m.

**Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant Program**

Howard Bronstein reported that Plainfield's Hazard Mitigation Plan and Municipal Vulnerabilities Preparedness Program have both been approved by MEMA and FEMA, qualifying the town to apply for a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant. Grant monies would be used to repair a roadside collapse and replace an inadequate culvert on Bow Street using Massachusetts Stream Crossings design standards. Howard described ongoing work on hazard identification and mitigation in Plainfield, particularly in the face of increasingly severe weather events. There will be regular reviews and updates of all emergency plans and an Infrastructure Inventory and Prioritization Plan will be developed. Draft copies of Plainfield 2019 Hazard Mitigation Strategies were reviewed, identifying actions to be taken by various Plainfield individuals, committees, boards and community groups. Proposed Conservation Commission participation would include providing water conservation guidelines, working with Mass Audubon on forest management on West Mountain, providing landowner education to protect natural resources and properly maintain and inspect dams, updating of the Plainfield Open Space and Recreation Plan, and creation of a tree bylaw, vegetation buffers and living snow fences.

John will research dams in Plainfield and corresponding property owners.

Judy will work on water conservation guidelines and will contact Mass Audubon regarding forest management on West Mountain.

Erik will contact assessor Helene Tamarin to determine what delinquent properties in town might be considered for Open Space purchase.

Alice will contact Paula King to obtain a copy of the Open Space Plan and determine who were members of the Open Space Committee.

**Forest Cutting Plans**

Erik reviewed FCPs and will contact Service Forester Alison Wright regarding the FCP by Tom Brule on West Main St. for David Thibault.

**Site Visits**

Erik and Judy made a site visit on 8-22-19 to the potential Lock-Hardy property at East and Bow. They identified an appropriate area and signed off on the project specifying a 600 square-foot structure 100 feet away from a jurisdictional area.

Judy made a site visit on 8-15-19 to the Stevens property at 815 W. Main St. She signed off on a barn construction project. There were no wetland issues.

**Minutes** of 7-29-19 were amended to include John Burns as present. Approved as amended.

Erik suggested that we change the ConCom meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The time change decision will be made at the next meeting.

The next ConCom meeting will be held on Wednesday 9-25-19 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall.

**Adjourned**, 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Schertle