

Approved as amended 8-25-21

**Plainfield Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting Held August 4, 2021**

The meeting was held in Town Hall. Commissioners present: Erik Burcroff, Judy Ferber, Jack Nelson, Alice Schertle, Judith Williams (chair).

Also present: Judith Hanson, Pamela Wayne, owners and RDA applicants, 33 Stetson Ave

Call to Order, Judith Williams, 6:40 p.m.

Erik moved, Jack seconded, approval of the minutes of 6-30-21 as amended. Unanimous.

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA), 33 Stetson Ave.

Judith Hanson and Pamela Wayne, owners of the property, submitted a second RDA as the original RDA indicated placement of a structure closer to the road than allowed by setback regulations. A site visit to the property in answer to the second RDA was made by Erik, Jack, John, Judy and Judith on 7-20-21. Judith H. described the project, which involves construction of a 14 x14 foot studio located approximately 25 feet from the pond. The wood foundation will be placed on piers. Applicants agreed there would be no disturbance under the building footprint. Foliage removal required by the original RDA will be largely eliminated. Plantings will cover any small areas of soil disturbance. Gutters will direct runoff into catchment devices. Judy F. expressed her appreciation for the diligence and care the applicants are taking in considering environmental impacts.

Jack moved, Erik seconded that the Commission issue a Negative Determination under #2: The work described in the Request is within an area subject to protection under the Act, but will not remove, fill, dredge, or alter that area. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent. Vote was unanimous in favor. All Commissioners present signed the Determination.

Review of Replacement Plan, Assessor's Map 27-25 River Road

All Commissioners made a site visit to the property, joined by Joe Rogers of GZO Environmental, and property owner Kyle Dempsey, today, 8-4-21. Joe pointed out areas where plantings have successfully taken hold. Commissioners felt replacement appears to have been successful to date but that it is necessary to continue monitoring the project for a second year, as specified by the Enforcement Order. Erik moved, Jack seconded that we select "Ongoing Conditions" on WPA Form 8B, indicating monitoring of the project for an additional growing season as required by the Enforcement Order, before issuing a Certificate of Compliance. Vote was unanimous in favor. All Commissioners present signed WPA Form 8B.

Emergency Certification for Wash-Out on West Hill Road

The washout on West Hill was repaired without emergency certification from the Conservation Commission due to confusion in communication. It was agreed we should meet with the new Highway Superintendent to discuss and provide a copy of the Plainfield culvert study, to discuss

emergency certification procedures, and to discuss emergency certification for beaver culvert flooding and damage on 116. Jack will invite Highway Superintendent Walter Jennings to attend the Conservation Commission meeting on Wed. Aug. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Bylaw

Jack will invite the chairs of the following Boards to have a representative attend the ConCom meeting on Sept. 29, 2021 at 6:30 to review elements of our proposed local wetland bylaw: Select Board, Planning, ZBA, Finance, Agriculture, Energy, Health, Building, Building Inspector, Tree Alliance, Historical Commission, Historical Society, Recreation.

Jack recommended a field guide from the Vermont Land Trust titled Wetland, Woodland, Wildland, a Guide to the Natural Communities of Vermont.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will take place Wed., 8-25-21, at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall. We will review Jack's power point presentation of a draft local wetland bylaw. Jack will invite Highway Superintendent Walter Jennings to attend the meeting.

Adjourned, 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Schertle