

Approved 4-27-22

**Plainfield Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting Held March 30, 2022**

Meeting was held in Town Hall. Commissioners present: Erik Burcroff, Judy Ferber, Jack Nelson, Alice Schertle, Judith Williams (chair)
Roxanne Finn, owner, 12 Alden Lane, joined the meeting by Google Meet at 6:45 p.m.

Call to Order, Judith Williams, 6:38 p.m.
Minutes of 2-23-22 were approved as amended.

Roxanne Finn Design Plan, 12 Alden Lane

Commissioners had been provided with the design plan in advance of the meeting. Roxanne described the plan and answered questions on Google Meet. She owns two parcels and her mother owns a third. Part of the land is in River Front, including the foundation of a former house. A new house will be built on the existing footprint. A new foundation may be installed rather than using the existing foundation. Water is provided by a well between the former house and the river. An existing leach field probably will not be used. A composting toilet will be installed. Title 5 inspection was passed.

A large sugar maple in front of the house, old and rotting in the center, will be removed. Wood will be used for firewood or chipping. Planting to be done will use all native plants and will be planned to encourage pollinators and other wildlife. Stone used for walls will be obtained from the property itself. Solar is planned; if there is insufficient sunlight for roof panels, free-standing solar will be installed. Commissioners asked about an additional cabin or sheds indicated on the design plan. Roxanne said a cabin was eventually planned for the upland parcel but any construction would not take place until after other elements of the plan are addressed. She projects a lengthy time-frame as they'll do the work themselves depending on cost and availability of materials. Initial work involves extensive property clean-up and establishment of paths. She said ConCom members would be welcome to observe on-going progress.

Roxanne asked that the ConCom inform her of any planned activity on neighboring parcels that have recently been purchased. She also asked about the Conway Climate Resiliency Plan project. Erik reported that the meeting of the Conway students presenting the plan was well attended and that the meeting and the plan will be available by the end of April on the Plainfield town website.

10 Prospect Street Landscape Design

Erik, Judy, Jack, Judith and Alice made a site visit to the property today, meeting landscape designer Kirsten Barringer to determine if an RDA or NOI would be required.

Commissioners discussed the plan, involving property in River Front. Extensive landscaping work will be done in front of and behind the house; much of the area to be worked is currently in lawn. Retaining walls will be constructed, patios in front and in back of the house will be extended, plants will be installed and soil will be removed to uncover an area of ledge.

A parking area at the top of the driveway will be enlarged to enable maneuvering of cars. The turn-around area created will border a steep drop to a perennial stream.

Erik asked that we find out if there is a septic tank and where it is located. The ConCom will ask that an RDA be submitted, providing a plan that can be studied to determine the impact of the work on jurisdictional areas and where an NOI would be required.

Bylaw Presentation Planning

Judith reported that it had been suggested the ConCom hold our informational meeting together with the MLP broadband informational meeting. Commissioners felt that would result in too long a meeting and that the interested audience might be different for each subject. We will plan a separate meeting. Our bylaw, which is with the Town Counsel, may be approved, denied, or changes requested. We won't know if we're on the Town Meeting warrant until we hear from the Town Counsel. Judith and Erik will discuss the comparison of the WPA and the bylaw and answer questions at the informational meeting and Jack will do the slide presentation. Jack showed his slides which are thorough and informative. The ConCom felt they represent important information for residents and should be made available on the Town website.

We discussed elements of the bylaw including alternatives, buffer zones as resource areas and performance standards.

Judith will check with Paula; if the date is available our informational meeting to describe and explain the bylaw will be held Wednesday, April 27th at 6:30 p.m.

The ConCom will meet Wednesday April 6 at 6:30 p.m. to review the planned presentation at the informational meeting.

New Business

Judy said she knows of a resident who is interested in joining the Conservation Commission.

Jack provided a wealth of Ed Kohn's material on subjects relevant to wetlands protection to share with ConCom members.

Next meeting

Wed. April 6, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall: ConCom prep for informational meeting

Wed. April 27, 6:30 p. m., Town Hall: Informational meeting on the bylaw

Adjourned, 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Schertle

