

Approved 8-30-23

**Plainfield Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting Held June 28, 2023**

Meeting was held in Town Hall. Commissioners present: Erik Burcroff, John Burns, Jack Nelson, Alice Schertle, Judith Williams (chair).

Also present: Mark Stinson, DEP Circuit Rider.

Call to Order, Judith Williams, 6:35 p.m.
Minutes of 5-31-23 approved.

Site Visits

Judy Ferber, Judith, Erik and Jack, with Sheila Barry, made a site visit to a Campbell Street property being considered by prospective buyers. No wetland issues.

Erik and Judith made a site visit to 4 Stetson to check flagging for a septic system installation. Work area was well marked and staked.

Discussion of group letter to Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy Committee

Jack reported on the effort, as expressed in the letter, to close loopholes providing subsidies to biomass and describing biomass as a non-carbon-emitting energy. ConCom voted unanimously to sign the letter as an organization.

Mark Stinson

Mark said DEP has come out with new delineation and replication manuals.

Mark described DEP's improved system of dating and handling paperwork. He will help the Plainfield ConCom set up an EDEP account. Commission will be able to create an Order of Conditions on line and provide a printed copy to the applicant. All other recipients can get an electronic copy.

Mark gave general guidance in making paperwork clear and thorough.

Complete plan information is needed.

Alteration of a jurisdictional area, if permitted, has to be specified as such.

All pages to be identified at the top with file number and date.

A Determination itself does not give permission for ConCom to go on site; always condition the Determination to allow site inspection.

For an NOI project the DEP file number is to be posted on site before work begins and remain until a Certificate of Compliance is issued.

Mark noted that the fire hydrant at the pond is done and a Certificate of Compliance should be requested.

Other business

Jack described planned forest cutting on River Road. Because two bridges are unable to support the weight, logging trucks will be re-routed to South Union.

The Bow Street issue awaits action by the court.

Judith reported that she gave a dues bill from MACC to Paula King.

Judith reported that Sarah Wasserman from Mass Wildlife has offered to set up a Zoom meeting with ConCom to discuss the biomass issue.

There will be no Conservation Commission meeting in July unless new business requires it. The next scheduled meeting of the ConCom will take place in Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. on 8-30-23.

Adjourned 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Alice Schertle