

Plainfield Climate Resiliency Project

Core Team Meeting #3

January 5, 2022

4:00 p.m.

Members Present

Town representatives Erik Burcroff, Peg Keller, Ed Stockman, Tim Walter and Jerry Little.

Purpose

This meeting was held to refine the focus of the project scope in preparation for the initial discussion with the Conway School students. Peg reviewed the main tenets of the Preliminary Agreement which are:

Climate Resilience, Land Use Planning, Hazard Mitigation and Large Landscape Conservation.

More specifically, the PA commits the effort to making recommendations on:

- Improving climate resiliency in rural communities
- Ways to accommodate green energy sustainably
- Strategies for protecting critical habitats in forests and other eco systems
- Public Education

Existing Data

Peg asked members what they were aware of regarding local data we could provide the students. Ed said the NRCS maps on prime soils exists, but provided the caveat that they are not completely accurate, as some soils may now be contained in forested areas that won't show on the maps. Mass GIS layers will show wetland locations, according to Erik. He suggested LIDOR as well as a resource. Google earth was noted. Erik said the information collected by Judith Cole and Judy Ferber on real estate transactions last year could be helpful. We had also gathered building permit data that could be updated. The vast info. Contained in the MVP and the HMP should be immensely helpful.

Component Prioritization

Peg reviewed the bullets listed in the Preliminary Agreement. Jerry suggested we all take one more look at them and assign priorities in case the students ask us which ones are the most critical to pursue. Members agreed to do that and provide their thoughts to Peg prior to Jan. 10th at 4:00 p.m. Peg will then compile the list and get back to members. Another meeting will be scheduled prior to the Thursday session with the students if the priorities are wildly disparate. We agreed that the solar installations vs. deforestation is a hot topic, the subject of some recent editorials in the Gazette, and relevant to all rural communities.

Process

Peg said she would check with CJ Lammers about the format for the meeting with the students, i.e. who takes the lead on facilitation, how long the meeting will take. She agreed to be back in touch early next week. Erik offered their Zoom link if needed by Conway.

Public Notification

Peg agreed to get the meeting notes and contract docs uploaded to the web link and do a notice in the Post about the project.

Adjourn/ the meeting concluded at 5:00 p.m.

Notes by Peg Keller