

# Plainfield Conservation Commission

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: 2-22-2021

Members Present: Wally Cwynar, Sylvia Wielk, Nick Anderson, Matt Yanuskiewicz.

Members Absent: Mark Doyle, Adrian Paulsen

Guest: None

**Call to Order:** W. Cwynar called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. This was the Commission's Second Zoom Meeting. The January 25, 2021 Conservation Commission Meeting was Cancelled due to a Computer conflict with other Zoom Meetings occurring at the same time.

### Additions and / or Corrections to the Agenda

None

### Appoint Alternate Members

None. Note: S. Wielk mentioned that the Commission has openings for 1 full member and 1 alternate member. Also members John Meyer and Chip Goss were removed from the Commission due to inactivity.

### Approval of 12-21-20 meeting minutes

N. Anderson made a motion to approve the 12-21-21 meeting minutes, for the Commission's first Zoom Meeting, seconded by S. Wielk.

### Moosup Valley Bike Trail

W. Cwynar contacted Mark Jewell of VHB Engineering Group. The design should be at 60 % completion the beginning of April 2021, and information to review will be made available for the affected towns, Plainfield and Sterling. W. Cwynar is still advocating to have the trail paved, and was told DEEP also wants it paved. Funding for paving is not yet available.

### American Chestnut Foundation

S. Wielk worked to renew the Commission's Membership, and the TACF magazines will be mailed to the members. W. Cwynar joined TACF Chat Series on Friday 2/19/21 and learned about Chestnut Cultivars and Worldwide Historic Importations. The Chat focused on Commercial Chestnut trees, and their characteristics and traits.

### Open Space Land Acquisitions

W. Cwynar met with K. Cunningham, M. Chinatti on Thursday 1/21/21 to review and update the Open Space Survey to present to the townspeople. A final draft was agreed upon. Commission members reviewed the draft and M. Yanuskiewicz and N. Anderson noted that the words "for Plainfield CT" were added to the survey.

On March 2, 2021 3:45p  
Attest: Basil F. Condon

Town Clerk

example” in the opening paragraph should be removed, to clarify the funding aspect. Motion was made by N. Anderson to remove and seconded by S. Wielk. Further discussion was held on the logistics of how to make the survey accessible to the public and gathering and reviewing the response data. The Town’s homepage and Turnpike buyer are the most likely two main avenues. N. Anderson mentioned that a press release is in order also to help generate interest and participation.

**Other Business**

Tree Giveaway is planned to take place this year, Saturday April 24, to coincide as always, with Earth Day. S. Weilk is in contact with NCCD, North Central Conservation District, to purchase the trees, and some pollinator plants. Final details to be arranged at next meeting.

**Citizen Participation:** None

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8 PM

**Next Meeting:** Monday March 15, 2021

**Respectfully submitted by:** Walter Cwynar Chairman