

Plainfield Conservation Commission

Date: 11-15-2021

Members Present: Wally Cwynar, Sylvia Wielk, Adrian Paulsen, Susan Hall

Members Absent: Nick Anderson, Mark Doyle, Matt Yanuskiewicz

Guests: Emerson Paulsen

- 1) **Call to Order:** W. Cwynar called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
- 2) **Roll Call:** Wally Cwynar, Sylvia Wielk, Adrian Paulsen, Susan Hall

Additions and / or Corrections to the Agenda

None

Appoint Alternate Members

Walt indicated he spoke with Matt Yanuskiewicz about whether he wanted to remain on the conservation commission. Matt said he wants to resign from the commission. S. Wielk indicated Matt Y. should go to the town hall to indicate this in writing. Mark Doyle also indicated to Walt that he would like to resign.

There was a sufficient quorum of three full members, so no alternate members were appointed.

Approval of 10-18-2021 meeting minutes

S. Hall indicated that the minutes on page 2 should read Northeast District Department of Health, located in Brooklyn, Connecticut, instead of 'Brooklyn Health Department.'

S. Hall also mentioned EEE has been reported in Pachaug Forest near Mount Misery and West Nile Virus has been reported in the Cedarswamp in Plainfield, in a report by Connecticut Agricultural Experimental Station in New Haven Ct. that traps mosquitoes for testing.

W. Cwynar motioned to approve the meeting minutes. S. Wielk seconded the motion and all approved.

Moosup Valley Bike Trail

Walt spoke with Mary Ann Chinnati about the plan for the Bike Trail. Mary indicated she had received a 112-page plan that is 90% complete from Mark Jewell from VHB, the company contracted by the state for overseeing the Moosup Valley Bike Trail construction project.

S. Wielk said she would like the meeting minutes to reflect that the Conservation Commission would like a copy of the plan for review.

S. Hall wanted to know what the technical name for the project is. No one present was directly able to answer the question and Walt said he would look into it for the next meeting.

Received For Record At Plainfield CT

On NOV 22 2021 at 4:15pm

Attest: Bianca Vieux ASST.

Town Clerk

American Chestnut Foundation

W. Cwynar reviewed with the CC the process of using a mud packing to address canker growths on the Mother Chestnut tree.

Walt and S. Wielk discussed the mechanics of getting a ladder using a hand truck out to the chestnut tree site to apply the mudpacking technique. Walt indicated that the process should be applied as soon as possible. A Date has yet to be determined.

Kate Downing Road Open Space Project

No members have heard from Kevin Cunningham or Mary Ann regarding the Kate Downing Road Open Space Project and the committee to be formed that will help coordinate the process. W. Cwynar and A. Paulsen indicated the new survey distributed by the recreation department is already not available online anymore. S. Wielk indicated she and Walt planned to meet with Kevin Cunningham to discuss the status of the committee and the survey.

A. Paulsen requested that W. Cwynar and S. Wielk ask if an excel file of the previous survey is available for record-keeping.

- **Other Business**

- S. Wielk has collected 18 chestnut seeds for the Mother chestnut tree in the chestnut grove, and will attempt to winter over for planting next year. W. Cwynar has collected a similar amount, and will do the same.

- S. Wielk requested that the Commission collaborate with other commissions to sponsor bird watches, tree identification walks, nature workshops.
- S. Hall indicated she has tried to contact the Wyndham Land Trust to no avail and is seeking input on how to contact them to establish some kind of partnership for work shops and possible advice on land conservation.
- S. Hall indicated she is interested in maintaining/building a database that would be used to contact landowners about conservation in Plainfield.
- S. Hall motioned to accept the 2022 Conservation Commission Meeting schedule as printed in the November 15, 2021 meeting minutes.
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Citizen Participation:

None

Meeting Adjourned: Adrian Paulsen made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm, seconded by S. Wielk.

Next Meeting: December 20th, 2021

Respectfully Submitted by: Walter Cwynar Chairman

Walter F. Cwynar 11-22-2021