

On DEC 27 2021 @ 11:53

Attest: Cynthia J. Mattiau
Town Clerk WJT

Plainfield Conservation Commission

Date: 12-20-2021 ZOOM Meeting

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

Members Absent: Nick Anderson

Guests: Kevin Cunningham

Roll Call: Wally Cwynar, Sylvia Wielk, Adrian Paulsen, Susan Hall

W. Cwynar motioned for A. Paulsen to be a full member. S. Hall Seconded. Motion carried. It was noted by K. Cunningham that Adrian Paulsen needed to be a full member in order to be nominated to an officer of the commission.

Call to Order: W. Cwynar called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Nomination and Election of Officers:

- A. Paulsen nominated W. Cwynar for Chair, S. Hall seconded. Motion carried.
- S. Hall nominated S. Wielk for Vice Chair, S. Wielk seconded. Motion carried.
- S. Wielk nominated A. Paulsen for Secretary, S. Hall seconded. Motion carried.

Additions and / or Corrections to the Agenda:

None

Appoint Alternate Members

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

Approval of 11-15-2021 meeting minutes

W. Cwynar motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded, and all approved.

Moosup Valley Bike Trail

A. Paulsen indicated he had spoken with Town Planner and that Mary Ann Chinatti has not yet reviewed the recently submitted draft plan, but will be able to email the plan draft to the Conservation Commission within the coming weeks. A. Paulsen recommended that Walt follow up with Mary Ann to see if she can present a summary of the plan to the Commission for next month's meeting. A. Paulsen also indicated the official name for the project is the Moosup Valley State Park Trail.

American Chestnut Foundation No new updates currently. W. Cwynar indicated that the recent tornado damage near the site had made it difficult for him to check on the tree grove. It was mentioned that our membership is close to renewal and W. Cwynar will follow up.

Kate Downing Road Open Space Project

K. Cunningham indicated that the Steering Committee for the project could be up and running with meetings in either late January or early February.

A. Paulsen said he spoke with Mark Simmons, Director of the Department of Recreation for Plainfield about the recent Open Space Survey. The vendor for the survey apparently had

technical problems with the end results and as a result, the survey results were not complete until a week ago. M. Simmons went for a field visit to the property with DEEP Service Forester Frank Cervo, and Jordan Lumpkins, of Economic Development, on November 18, 2021 and were able to receive an ecological report on the status of the property. M. Simmons will email A. Paulsen and other members of the Conservation Commission copies of the survey results and the report by the next month. W. Cwynar was contacted by J. Lumpkins to review and sign a letter of support for The Town of Plainfield's "America The Beautiful" Grant Application that he is working on. That was accomplished and W. Cwynar has a copy of that letter, and also the field visit report provided by the DEEP Forester Frank Cervo. That report should be reviewed by the commission at the next meeting.

Other Business

- W. Cwynar reviewed Mark Doyle's and Matt Yanuskiewicz's resignation. There were no objections to accepting the resignations from members of the Conservation Commission.
- S. Hall contacted Michael Green from the Wyndham Land Trust. He provided a map and identified 6 listed properties in Plainfield part of the land trust. They do not accept conservation easements.
- K. Cunningham recommended following up with the Tax Assessor's office regarding the advantages/disadvantages of conservation easements.
- K. Cunningham indicated that the 6 properties Michael Green mentioned the Tillinghast Preserve, Rainville Preserve, Oats & Cedar Swamp Preserve, Chiampa Preserve, Fitz Preserve, Lathrop Cedar Swamp Preserve.
- S. Wielk indicated that the new Northern Woodlands magazine is out, and some of the information regarding some of the rabbit wildlife is applicable for the Kate Downing Road Open Space Project. She asked that the Commission advocate preserving some portions of property for local pollinators.

Citizen Participation:

None

Meeting Adjourned: Adrian Paulsen made a motion to adjourn at 7:51pm, seconded by S. Wielk.

Next Meeting: January 24th, 2021

Respectfully Submitted by: Walter Cwynar Chairman

Walter F. Cwynar 12-27-2021