

PLAINFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 2, 2020

Members and Guests Present: Vicki Ramos-Glew, David Grobe, Jen Lenz, Judy Ptak, Helen Koehler, Blaine Kopp, David Taylor

1. Minutes of last meeting: unavailable
2. We welcomed Blaine and he told the group about a project he's working on with Hubbard Brook Forest (tree regrowth and forest rejuvenation).
3. Trail Markers: Helen brought up the need for trail markers on trails near the school. This project was begun sometime in the past, but not completed. Various ideas were suggested as to how the project might be restarted. Where are the markers?
4. Report on the Commission's activities for the Town Report: David G. graciously volunteered to compose the report and get it to Steve Halleran.
5. Community Reach-out: A number of suggestions were discussed on programs to offer to the community (movies, lectures, etc.).
6. Conservation Fund: It is important the Commission defend its work to maintain its funding source (1/2 of Current Use penalty money). David G. explained this aspect of the Commission's operation.
7. Monitoring: There is always a need for volunteers to help with this activity. Could students be invited to participate? The subject of students helping with clean-up day was discussed (some reservations were expressed).
8. Trash and Recycling: Judy moved that the Commission officially support the continuation of curbside trash and recycling pick-up. Unanimously approved.
9. New Members: All agreed we should advertise for new members (Plain Facts, etc.). Dave T. will work on this.
10. Book Group: Little interest expressed.

11. Bird Club: a tracking workshop will be held soon, directed by Sue Morse.

12. Clearing House for Conservation News: Several members wondered if such a thing exists.

13. Next Meeting: March 13, 2020.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Taylor, Scribe