

PLAINFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2018

Members Present:Myra Ferguson, Vicki Ramos-Glew, Helen Koehler, Judy Ptak, Elise Angelillo, David Grobe, David Taylor

1. **Poor Farm Property:**This property (157 A.) is for sale by Paul Franklin (\$250,000.). Myra showed the location of the piece on some maps. Descriptions of the land supplied by Myra and Elise. The lot adjoins the Yatsevitch conserved land. Myra also provided some history of "Poor Farms" in Plainfield.
2. **Trail Signage:**Myra showed members the plastic trail markers that have been purchased to begin the trail marking project. The first trails to be marked will be behind the school. Before other trails are marked, Myra wants to get public reaction to the plastic markers. They are brightly colored and should last a long time. She and Mrs. Abrahamson will be affixing the markers soon. Two aluminum nails will be used (no rust to blemish the signs).
3. **Energy Committee:**The Committee needs new members and has suggested that it and the Conservation Commission might cooperate in programming. Myra expressed her doubts about the idea as the two groups really have different interests.
4. **Con. Comm. Programs:**There were a number of suggestions that Myra asked members to pursue for next meeting.
5. **Upcoming Events:**the annual Upper Valley Land Trust dinner for area Conservation Commissions-Feb. 23. (Vicki, David G. and David T. were able to attend)
6. **Next Meeting:**March 8.

Alert:There are two House bills in Concord that we should be aware of. The first concerns the Timber Tax, its usefulness and possible abolition and the second, Current Use. This one is a perennial issue-keep it or not, etc.

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MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2018

Members Present: A. Angelillo, J. Lenz, J. Ptak, D. Grobe, B. Knight, M. Ferguson, D. Taylor, Scribe (at Myra's)

1. Minutes of 2/18/18 approved as presented.
2. Town Farm Property: Still for sale (\$258,000.) An outright sale.
3. Programs: Dave T. suggested we invite Carol Stedman from Hartland to present her program on Global Climate Change that includes the movie made by Al Gore on the subject. Discussion of the idea ensued with these conclusions: an October date seemed best and, for a venue, the Music Room at the elementary school might be appropriate. Including school children might be possible and including K.U.Å. students and faculty might also be explored. Dave will talk with Carol and firm up a fall date. A program with the U.V. Land Trust is still a possibility, maybe in cooperation with the Cornish Conserv. Comm. Also, a program by Mary Holland is still an enticing idea.
4. Current Use: An attempt to begin an investigation of Current Use and its effect on tax revenue for local governments was derailed in Concord where it is an annual issue. The bill was tabled which in effect kills it for this year.
5. Pollinator Gardens: A lengthy discussion was held with the following agreement: Bill Knight will host a tour of his garden in June and at Spirit Night in August there will be an opportunity to see the school children's garden. Planning for these events to be continued.
6. Calendar: Myra with help from the group planned out the events and activities for the year. The need for publicity of our events was emphasized. Dave T. offered to write a notice for the next Plain Facts.
7. Next Meeting: May. 9 (back at Town Office). (Follow-up: Stedman program firmed up and no Wildflower Walk this year)

