

## **Plainfield Planning Commission Meeting**

**November 21, 2016**

**Present:** Karen Storey, Jean Hamilton, Will Colgan

Visitors: Jens Hilke, Sarah Albert, Jan Waterman.

**Agenda:** Approval of minutes from previous meeting; Review significant wildlife habitat with Jens and maps.

**Approval of Minutes:** Karen moves to approve. Will seconds.

We will amend the minutes to accurately reflect Karen's concern that Significant Wildlife Habitat needs further definition before it can be included in the draft that is released to the public.

Minutes approved.

### **Significant Wildlife Area Discussion:**

the original maps includes

- everything from significant wildlife definition including habitat blocks (2011 data set from State)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> map, Jens removed "habitat blocks" and added in Brett's "sites with state significant natural resources"

- Jens' travel corridors are tan, Brett's are orange.
- Jens recommends that the central significant wildlife block indicated on his second map along brook rd is an important area to conserve to protect east west wildlife/ecological movement.

New map:

- change wildlife travel corridors to reflect Brett's orange crossings, remove Jens' tan corridors.

Significant Wildlife Areas: (Jens suggestion)

Highly restrictive zone

- rare and endangered species, riparian areas and surface waters, wetlands, wildlife travel corridors (most important)

Secondary area

- habitat blocks, forest blocks, deer yards, black bear feeding, wildlife travel corridors (less important)

Regulatory Concerns:

- Sketch plan review would be a good time for discussion of these regulations rather than once they have already had engineers/designers draw up maps.
- Karen feels we need to discuss with the site plan engineers and make them understand that landowners need to have an approved sketch plan before they draw up full plans.
- Jens recommends having a checklist. DRB could offer trainings.
- Planning Commission will look at Warren's zoning check list.
- Jens recommends Charlottes mapping system in the town office for letting them see where their parcel lies in respect to different regulations.
- Hartford conservation commission has descriptive pamphlet of ecological resources
- Vermont Coverts – landowner trainings on ecological management

Jean moves to adjourn the meeting. Karen seconds.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM**