Braintree Conservation Commission Meeting
Minutes, 22 January 2025
Present: Chelsie Brown, Gina Logan, Paul Shriver (chair).

Meeting convented at 6 PM.
No members of the public were present.
Minutes of 11 December 2024: Approved.

Old Business: The BCC is still exploring sources of funding for dealing with ash trees/ Emerald Ash Borer/ trees in the right-of-way; Paul will respond to a recent communication from Joann Garton regarding possible new grant money.
Chelsie reports that the Town Road Crew is undertaking removal of ash trees in the town right of way as they pursue their normal work duties (ditching, clearing, etc.) and that this is expected to continue.
Dark Sky: Marlys is / will be in communication with a representative regarding future presentations on light pollution.

New Business: the members present thanked Paul for writing up the report for Town Meeting.
Discussion: what shall the BCC focus on going forward? Ideas include exploring conservation issues regarding amphibians, waterways and vernal pools, air quality, trees (various, not just ash), food plants, invasives, new arrivals in our midst (such as opossums, for example), etc. A survey was proposed, to ask the town residents what kinds of topics might be of interest. Chelsie will do some outreach.
February's meeting will be a planning session.

Next meeting: February 26, 6 PM at the Town Offices.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Gina Logan