

Marshfield Conservation Commission

78th Meeting

6 February, 2013

Members Attending: Sarah Norton, Annie Reed, Michael Zahner, Tony Mayhew, Allen Banbury, Brett Engstrom, and Bob Popp

Review of Minutes: January minutes accepted as presented. Approved unanimously

Financial Report:

- Conservation Fund Balance: \$4019
- Operating Budget: \$173
- Balance of Natural History book contributions is uncertain. **Tony** will check on this.
- Since fiscal year ends in Dec the balance of the operating budget is rescinded to the town. Until town meeting, we spend in anticipation of a \$300 budget.

Natural History Book:

- We received permission from Select Bd to reprint the book
- We have 89 available copies, not including those that are in venues around the area.
- Printing 250 copies would be \$549. They need about 3 weeks lead time.
- Estimate that we had approximately broken even on printing costs, but revenue turned in tonight probably put us in the black and provide a balance for reprinting.
- Bob offered to query the Plainfld Con Com to see whether they would sell them at their table at their town meeting. **Note:** subsequent to the meeting Bob spoke with Sarah Alpert on the Plnflld CC who said they would be delighted to display the book. Since their meeting is in the Twinfield gym, **Bob** will provide his 20 copies for their display.
- Decided to table the decision on reprinting till after town meeting. At the March meeting we'll count the number of copies and decide whether to reprint.

Stranahan Town Forest:

- Mike, Brett, and Bob attended the Select Bd meeting. They agreed in concept to establish a stewardship fund based upon a certain percentage of the income from the STF. They want a proposal from either the Conservation or Stranahan Stewardship Com (SSC).
- Brett suggested that we provide a list of uses for the funds and a justification:
 - Signage, boundary markers, maps, maintenance on Thompson Rd.
- **Bob** will contact Diana to find out whether there is anything in the SSC minutes and will query the stewardship committee as to their opinions;
- Taxes were approx. \$3,129 for the property minus the house.
- Income from haying is approx. \$600 and \$1,700 from sugaring leases.

Membership:

- **Allen, Steve, and Bob's** terms all expire. They need to notify the SB if they are interested in reappointment.

Town Meeting:

- Need to set up the display with maps, photos, and invasive species info and natural history books.
- **Bob** will look for invasive plant info
- Annie suggested establishing field trip agenda and have signup sheet
- Brett suggested Sunday, the 12th Flower walk followed by bird walk the following Saturday, the 18th.
- Tony and Annie will lead a walk at Beaver Meadow in summer.
- Suggestion to ask Paul Council to lead a tour of Kettle Pond and either Steve or Allen to lead a trip to view mussels at Martin Bridge.
- Allen requested funds to get a blow up of the book cover and a particle board for display. So moved and approved unanimously
- **Set up on Tuesday, March 5th at 8 AM** immediately prior to Town Meeting

Tree and Shrub Sale

- Allen has ordered plants and distributed an order list.
- Allen requested permission to purchase the trees and shrubs, estimate of ca. \$1060. So moved and approved unanimously. Expect to get it back with a surplus following the sale.

Friends of Winooski:

- Put in a river access behind the Coop
- Want to put in another access below the covered bridge. It would entail steps leading down to the river. Members agreed that there might be better spots and wanted to look at it in the field before agreeing to this.

Green Up:

- Tony and Pat Mayhew are willing to coordinate Green Up again this year. Their offer was gratefully accepted.

Submitted by: Bob Popp

Submitted On: 12 Feb

Approved:

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