

Marshfield Conservation Commission

158th Meeting (Via Zoom)

5 January, 2022

## Minutes

Members Attending: Luke Boushee, Steve Fiske, Ed Jalbert, Anne Miller (on phone), Bob Popp, Annie Reed

1. Approval of November Minutes: Bob

- Minutes approved unanimously

2. Treasurer's report: Bradley

- None presented.

3. Natural Resources Inventory Project

Bob and Taber

- Bob attended the 21 Dec SB meeting and reported that they approved our request to add a line item for \$13,920 to the town budget to fund a natural resource inventory.
- We also need to draft a narrative explaining the request. This is especially important since there will likely be only a poorly attended virtual town information meeting.
- They also suggested discussing the inventory on FPF and putting information on the CC page of the town website.
- Suggestion to request the SB to publicly support the inventory if they are so willing
- Suggestion to include wording of the line item to include mention of mandate in Town Plan to conduct the inventory.
- Taber mentioned Bobbi will contact Plainfld & Cabot for wording in warning but she is open to our input.
- Suggestion to have a short explanation in town warning and provide a link to longer version on web site.
- **Taber and Bob** will revise
- **Bob** will also format annual report to determine spacing so we don't exceed 2 pages.
- Ed suggested starting w/ Aldo Leopold quote.

4. Stranahan Town Forest draft management plan

- **Ed** will be designee to carry our concerns but **Steve** will also attend to discuss aquatic resources
- Comments were passed to Ed and included

- Concern that logging & agriculture were listed 1st. Although allowed and likely to continue, these are not the primary uses of the TF as determined by a poll taken by the Stranahan Com
- Mention of ginseng, but noted that Goldie's fern and wild millet are not mentioned. Concern is illegal harvest of ginseng if mentioned.
- Lack of mention of brook trout stream
- Water feature management objective should be to reclassify stream to a higher order
- There is no prohibition to future trails although apparently discouraged. MCC would like more limits on considering new trails especially to consider wildlife habitat and connectivity
- Lack of mention of water quality & erosion associated with existing trails.
- Should mention agricultural soils directly rather than as open fields and better describe where they are located..
- No mention of timeline or implementation. No action items
- Encourage committee to develop an implementation plan once the management plan is adopted.

5. MCC report for Town Warning. Bob

- Bob presented a draft of the report and received a few comments to include.

Submitted by: Bob Popp

Submitted on: 9 Jan 2022

Approved on: 2 Feb 2022