

Marshfield Conservation Commission
179th Meeting October
4th 2023

In Attendance: Bradley Materick (facilitator), Anne Miller, Annie Reed, Ed Jalbert, Sara Norton, Steve Fiske and

Luke Boushee

September's Minutes:

- Last month's minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report:

- We sold 2 Marshfield Booklets at the Marshfield Fall Foliage Festival and got \$8 for them

Fall Foliage Festival:

- A good crowd. Quite few people came by the table. Bradley took a small group up to Bailey Pond and talked about beavers.
- Bradley was thinking that the trifold could use an update. Does anyone want to take this on? Do people have especially nice photos of Marshfield?
- We are getting very low on the wildlife brochures. Bradley has contacted Tracey Hambleton, who originally did the digital design for the brochure, to see if she still has a PDF of the brochure. Sara is going to take on trying to print more by contacting Minuteman Press, who may also still have the PDF brochure saved.

Flood Recovery at the Martin Bridge:

- Does it make sense to wait until spring to see what survives winter (some of the plantings are pretty beat up) and comes up and plant in the spring based on what we see?
- The eastern pearl shell mussels are virtually gone there. Steve was findings 130-140 in transect survey. They found 11 animals. Their chances of repopulating seems grim. Possibly relocate a population to a suitable location.
- Essentially nothing is happening there because FEMA said not to touch anything. There needs to be a DEC stream alteration engineer come and look.

Natural Resources Inventory:

- Bradley has made edits for typos and made side bars and hopes to have the revised copy ready by next meeting.
- Bradley asked Matt and Brett for digital copies of the photos from the report

Old Schoolhouse Common:

- Possibly plant the pollinator garden up by solar collector. Steve is willing to go to select board with that proposal.
- Possibly plant flood plain tree species. Cottonwood? Balsam Poplar? Black Willow? - We will coordinate a possible planting date over email. We will run it by the selectboard first.

Invasive Plant Removal:

- Annie would like to set up a regular time to meet weekly to remove invasives.
- Annie and Taber eradicated a garlic mustard patch. A patch of Wild Chervil is also being worked on.
 - Start at OSC?
- We will figure out a date over email

Tree and Shrub Sale Update:

- Rose Paul from the Plainfield CC would like to have a zoom meeting soon
- Annie will be part of the Tree and Shrub sale meeting

New Business?

- Open Meeting Law- We are supposed to post the agenda 48 hours before the meeting in multiple places
- Announcement: Nicko (East Hill Tree Farm) Sunday October 22nd will be offering a fall fruit tree pruning work shop and tasting

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