

Marshfield Conservation Commission, October 1, 2025

200th Meeting on October 1st, 2025

Approved Minutes

6:30 PM Old Schoolhouse Common Facilitator: Mary Perchlik

Members Present: Mary Perchlik, Anne Miller, Ed Jalbert, Steve Fiske, Annie Reed, Amanda Wojtalik-Courter, Lloyd Potter, and Emily Wilmers. Not present: Bob Popp

The meeting opened at 6:35 PM

1. Discussion & approval of September meetings' minutes attached 1min – all –
  - Minutes were approved unanimously
2. Treasurer's Report
  - Anne will connect with Bobbie or Luke to ask about interest on accounts.
  - No deposits since Feb 28<sup>th</sup> \$100 spent for plum trees on Sept 18
  - Total in the fund is unclear at this point. Anne will ask Bobbie.
  - Discussion about spending the operations fund.
3. Next several meetings' facilitators –
  - November – Anne
  - December- Emily
4. Martin Bridge Updates
  - a. Draft combining the management plan and operations committee plan -Llyod - 5min
    - Lloyd discussed plans and progress to combine the Mgmt. plan and the op plan. Lloyd will seek review by Commission members before sharing with the Operations Group for review \
  - b. Commemorative plaque for Rich Phillips?
    - No response yet to Bob's email to SB suggesting a plaque and offering to pay for some of it.
5. Water Quality Monitoring
  - a. WQ summary from 2025 sampling
    - Mary presented data on phosphorus, showing that most streams have low levels, except during months of heavy rain when levels rose for several streams.
    - Discussion of indicators of quality and erosion.
    - Chloride appeared to be minimal in all streams sampled
  - b. -Biomonitoring of upper Winooski streams
    - Steve collected biological samples (fish and bugs) at several locations this past week with VTDEC and FWR Taylor Litwin. They sampled AB and BI at the WW Treatment facilities on Winooski Molly's Brook, Nasmith Brook at Paradise, and at Holt Road, Jug Brook in Cabot, as well as at the Winooski headwaters in Cabot. Guernsey Brook was dry at Eaton Cemetery Rd. The purpose is to assess the impact of floods, and keeping a time series of data is important. Steve will organize a date for volunteers to visit the lab and process samples.
6. Invasive Removal
  - a. Update on pamphlet/information/outreach for invasive control for the public.
    - Annie distributed the VT Invasive Exotic Plant fact sheets.

- MCC recommended identifying 5-6 species to focus upon and then to develop easy-to-read pamphlets emphasizing mechanical removal strategies. Need to connect with the library regarding the tool lending library. Ed suggested an inventory of invasives.
  - b. Invasive control at Martin Bridge – report out on workday
  - Six MCC members met and cut substantial stands of knotweed on both sides upstream
  - c. Future knotweed removal methods
    - See Bob’s notes from Mad River effort
7. Old Schoolhouse Common
    - a. Workday for Pine slash removal Oct 12 at 10 AM.
    - b. Oct 18<sup>th</sup> workday to plant trees in coordination with Resilience Hub
  8. Trees for Marshfield green or maybe Martin Bridge? Forest and Parks offer
    - Offered Elm – perhaps plant along the river with an educational program. Annie will follow up
  9. Waterfall property – workgroup w/resilience hub – interest?
    - Maybe a park and plantings, Mary, Steve, and Anne will connect with Resilience Hub
  10. Harvest Festival at OSC report
    - Fairly good traffic, with several expressing interest.
    - Amanda is working to organize MCC materials
  11. Verizon Cell tower
    - No updates
  12. Regional gathering of central VT CCS
    - Lloyd attended (online) Sept 10. Link to presentations and video recordings (<https://vtconservation.com/2025-conservation-summit/>).
    - Bob will be attending AVCC's regional gathering of conservation commission members in Hardwick next Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Contact him to carpool and check his email (September 30, 2025, 1:00 PM) to find the registration information.
  13. Update on FEMA properties?  
Not discussed
  14. Ash inventory – Annie has been trained and has an iPad with software  
All class 3 roads will be surveyed- Annie will be available as members are available to help; they should contact her
  15. Anne borrowed the game camera.
  16. Fundraising 5min - all ideas?  
Discussion regarding print sales and potential sales of plant cuttings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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Submitted By: Lloyd Potter