

Marshfield Conservation Commission

84th Meeting

October 2nd, 2013

Members Attending: Allen Banbury, Brett Engstrom, Mike Zahner, Annie Reed, Sara Norton, and Bob Popp

Review of Minutes: Tabled - minutes were not available for review. Still need to approve June and August minutes. Note that July meeting entailed invasive removal at MCB and Sept meeting had no quorum.

Notes from Sept meeting: Tony Mayhew, Mike Zahner, Steve Fiske, and Bob Popp

- Reprinted 150 copies of the Natural History book
- Received Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$4900
- Select Bd approved haying at MCB following our recommendation
- Steve participated in mussel survey With Twinfield class
- Steve reported that E.coli sampling indicated high nos. when water level was high but generally lower than previous years.

Martin Covered Bridge:

- SB approved cutting for 5 years by Tim McClay. He needs to respect the flagging around the wetland boundary and Hayden's sedge.
- He will likely burn the field after he makes the 1st cut.
- The boat access to the Winooski River is complete. Noah from FoW with staff from VT River Conservancy installed steps and added some crushed stone.
- Steps are secured by rebar and held by carabiners so can be removed.
- It was noted that bindweed is strangling many of the planted trees. Discussed a work day to remove the vines and also to protect the existing trees from beaver with hardware cloth or chicken wire.
- Considered purchasing more maples next spring to replace those taken by beaver.
- Established a tentative work day either **last week in Oct or 1st week in Nov** for tree protection.
- Suggested including Twinfield students. **Bob** will attempt to arrange.

Treasurers Report:

- None provided.

- **Bob** agreed to draft a letter to the Selectboard reminding them of the joint decision by the MCC and the Stranahan Stewardship Com to establish a Stranahan Stewardship Fund.

Assoc. of VT. Cons Comm.

- We have agreed to join the organization
- Annual meeting is Oct 5th in Bradford, but nobody is able to attend.

Stranahan Town Forest:

- Proposed changes to the Management Plan to allow temporary structures as necessary and as approved by the Stewardship Com and the Select Bd.
- VLT led walk on Sept 28th was well attended by ca. 40 folks.

Biofinder Workshop:

- This was provided by the state, but nobody was able to attend. There is interest in future trainings if they should be offered.

Regional Forestry Planning.

- **Mike** will gather more information about the Forest Stewardship Project.

Other:

- Annie will sell Natural History booklets at the Harvest Festival
- **Bob** will call Ed about the status of logging and other issues

Submitted by: Bob Popp

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