

Marshfield Conservation Commission

202nd Meeting 3 December 2025

Old Schoolhouse and Zoom

Draft Minutes

Members Present: Steve Fiske, Ed Jalbert, Anne Miller, Mary Perchlik, Bob Popp, Lloyd Potter, Annie Reed, Emily Wilmers and Amanda Wojtalik-Courter,

Non-Members: None

Minutes: November minutes approved unanimously as presented

Treasurers Report:

- Have spent \$163 from operating budget so ca \$137 remaining
- Conservation Fund with \$8,333 balance
- Members agreed to renew our membership with AVCC
- May want to print some additional photos for our display

There is uncertainty re. which fund from which to cover costs.

- Booklet came out of Operations Fund whereas pamphlet came out of Conservation Fund. There is uncertainty re. tree purchase.
- Marshfield Conservation Commission Administrative Rules state:
- The Commission shall have the authority to request appropriations from the municipality for its operating expenses, land management, inventory, education and information expenses.
- Funds appropriated, raised or donated to the Commission shall be carried in a designated conservation fund. This fund shall accrue from year to year for the use of the Commission solely for the purposes set out in Article II (i.e. comply with Purposes of the Commission) of these By Laws. The Commission shall have the authority to receive gifts, grants, or money from any sources for these purposes. Any funds from private, state or federal sources that impose any obligation on the municipality shall be accepted only by consent of the Select Board.
- **Annie & Bob** will search for updated copies of ByLaws

Future Facilitators:

- January: Annie
- February: Lloyd
- March: Ed

## Martin Bridge Update

- Management Plan
  - Lloyd has added language to the Operation Plan and combined it with the Mgt Plan. **Lloyd** will send to the committee & **Bob** will reach out to Nathan
- Plaque for Rich
  - Amenda will reach out to Kass Phillips. She has drafted some language and **will provide to members** for review
- Tree Plantings
  - FPR planted 3 trees: an elm and 2 red maples: one each bare root, burlled & bur lapped and potted. The planting was filmed.
  - Trees need to be watered t/o the growing season. Perhaps a job for the Operations Committee, but we need to coordinate.

## Water Quality Monitoring: Steve

- Steve still needs volunteers to sort inverts, some samples from Marshfield.
- Generally Tues & Thursday but Weds also possible.
- Folks should contact Steve if interested

## Invasive Removal

- Invasive pamphlet
  - Ed wants to develop a pamphlet for 8 species including one aquatic and honeysuckles, buckthorns, garlic mustard, barberries, goutweed, chervil, knotweed
  - He has a neighbor who does high end printing who might produce it
  - Annie suggests one brochure for each species.
  - Alternative is a general pamphlet with links to **vtinvasives.org**
  - **Emily** will see what is available online
- Use of Craftsbury Knotweed brochure
  - They are fine with us using their information, but planning to update it this winter based field trials evaluating cutting, covering and overplanting.

## Old Schoolhouse

- Resilience Hub coordination
  - They prepped site for blueberries and interested in planting at small FEMA properties
  - Considering starting a wood bank with possible storage at FEMA site adj to Twinfld

### Ash Inventory: Annie and Ed

- Have each spent 12 to 13 hours doing most of roads north of Rte 2
- Annie has the equipment for the inventory
- Entails measuring all ash trees within 25 ft of road equal or greater than 3 inches living or dead and giving a quality rating: good, fair, poor

### FEMC Meeting: Steve & Ed

- State is beginning to develop a list of mycorrhizae in the state
- Discussion re good forest management, i.e. whether doing nothing ok
- Presentation re. releasing predatory beetles ahead of HWA front
- More trees die of causes other than logging except for Maine.

### FEMA Buyout Updates: Bob

- AVCC small grants program to purchase trees. Up to \$800 grants available **with deadline of 11 April**. The plantings would need to occur in the fall. No match
- Community Caring for Canopy Grants thru FPR
  - Grants of \$5,000 to \$10,000 with 1:1 cost share
  - Deadline of **Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**; Awards by March 1<sup>st</sup>; Completion by Oct 2027
  - Bob discussed with FoW who are supportive; **he will followup** with them
- Group hired by DEC? looking at flood mitigation on the Winooksi and looking for places to remove berms to ameliorate future flooding.
- Suggested they consider berm by field 1 at MCB also Drinkwine
- Work wouldn't occur until after fall of 26 when report is submitted so potential conflict. FoW is involved.

### Other Business

- Lite Pirate Priorities for Vt a program based on a book about a family affected by climate change. Question as to whether we want to be involved which could entail a workshop, tree planting, invasives work, etc.

Submitted By: Bob Popp

Submitted On: 5 December 2025

Approved On: \_\_\_\_\_