

## Marshfield Conservation Commission

### 117<sup>th</sup> Meeting

15 February 2018

Members Attending: Tabor Alison, Allen Banbury, Steve Fiske, Anne Miller, Bob Popp, Annie Reed (Chair), and Sara Norton (last ½ hour)

Minutes: January minutes approved unanimously as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Bobbi provided a copy of Treasurer's Report.

- Balance in Conservation Fund \$8,737
- Operating Fund now at \$300 for the 2018 calendar year
- Spending was \$206 in 2017, remaining balance of \$94 was rescinded
- Members agreed that Operating Fund should be depleted prior to using the Conservation Fund for Town related projects. **Need to make clear which fund to use** in future requests for funds.

#### Natural Marshfield Update

- Last two presentation were movies on Climate Change. Had 14 and 19 attendees respectively.
- Joe Roman from the Gund Inst at UVM will speak in April.

#### Natural Resource Inventory

- Annie suggests applying for Watershed Grant to use for wetland inventory within the 600 ft rural residential zone
- To save costs we .cCould utilize the RPC to produce map and also enlist assistance from PC
- Another option would be to consider requesting a line item at Town Meeting once we have some other grants pending. Calais funded their inventory this way
- Could also have a special meeting to request funds
- **Bob** will look into Watershed grant

#### Plant Sale

- Anne has selected all the materials; Sarah Alpert will make a pamphlet for distribution at Town Meeting.
- Sarah will continue designing the pamphlets
- Anne is leading the effort this year; presumably Plainfld will take the lead next year.

#### Annual Report

- Bob submitted report for publication in town report

### Town Meeting

- Need to set up our poster
- **Steve** will provide water quality data
- Need to have a book display with our books
- **Steve** will pick up the posters prior to Town Meeting
- **Annie, Steve & Tabor** will arrive at 8:30 to set up our display

### Membership

- Tabor and Anne will be up for reappointment
- Both are interested to be reappointed
- Bob verified the expiration of these two appointments.

### New Business;

- Anne mentioned that other towns pursue additional funding for projects.
- Wants to consider other fundraising efforts such as selling tainless steel waterbottles.

### Water Quality Sampling - Steve

- Results will be on the Friends of Winooski website
- Steve has agreed to coordinate the sampling again next year.
- The 3 conservation commissions (Cabot, Plnflld, & Marshfld) enlist volunteers to conduct the sampling
- Bacteria count in Marshfield Village is been good for few years, but still high at Caobt Plains & Plnflld Village
- Phosphorous level was especially high at the Rec Fld tributary in Cabot & Plnflld Village. Both sites were also high for turbidity.
- All sampling sites were below state standard for N
- All sampling sites were well below standard for Cl

### Wildlife Pamphlet

- Sarah reported that volunteers designing the pamphlet had not had time to work on it so it wont' be ready for town meeting.

### Discussion of Meeting with Planning Commission

- Sarah, downloaded material from the webinar that provides sample narrative for addressing A171 concerns in the town plan.
- General language is already included but up to PC whether to provide more detail.
- Will need to rely on Biofinder until a Natural Resource inventory is
- Sara questioned whether there is a need for urgency in getting narrative in town plan

Submitted by: Bob Popp

Submitted on: 4 March 4, 2018

Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_