

Marshfield Conservation Commission

160th Meeting (Via Zoom)
2 March 2022

Minutes

Members Attending: Luke Boushee, Steve Fiske, Ed Jalbert, Bradley Materick, Anne Miller, Sarah Norton, Bob Popp, Annie Reed

Approval of February Minutes:

- Minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Bradley

- No changes from previous month.

Approval of Officers:

- Annie stepping down as chair.
- Sarah agreed to continue as facilitator which takes responsibility off of the chair.
- Annie agreed to continue for one more year if no one else is willing.
- Bradley will continue as Treasurer
- Bob will continue as Secretary

Natural Resources Inventory Project Bob

- Approved 268 for vs 46 opposed or 78.9% approval
- Suggestion to do updates periodically on FPF to keep townfolk informed of our progress
- Question of whether we need to solicit bids or if can be sole source.
- **Annie** will contact Bobbi to determine this
- **Bradley** will contact Bobbi re. the financial details of the inventory.
- Suggestion to create a working group to oversee the inventory
- Bob mentioned that major task will be to identify and contact LOs but that first requires completing the landscape reconnaissance phase
- Question of whether to have an open meeting to identify unique areas so all MCC members and town residents can become involved. Library has canopies we can use if it's outside.
- The Inventory Committee is currently composed of Bradley, Ed, Bob, Taber & Annie. Steve, Ed & Luke are lead on WQ

- Suggestion for **Inventory Committee to meet prior to next meeting.**
- Bob will resend the timeline and set up meeting.

Stranahan Town Forest

- Stewardship plan is completed being sent out for comments prior to SB.

Pollinator Planting Update

- Nothing to report; plan to meet with them onsite in April

Plant Sale Update

- Flyers are now available
- Orders due March 25th
- Pick up will be on Sunday, April 24th from 9-11
- Assembling orders will be on Saturday at Bram Tobin's
- Suggestion to move to pick up to Black Bear biodiesel on Rte 2 but location already in flyer
- Question as to whether available online. **Bob** will post on website and provide link for posting.
- **Bradley** will post notice on FPF
- Uncertain whether Cabot will participate in the sale and if so to what extent. Question of whether to split proceeds with them. Depends on their level of involvement. If substantial then yes, otherwise not. Should decide prior to sale. Defer to folks leading the plant sale which is mostly Anne. They would need to commit to running the sale every 3rd year.

Water Quality Sampling

- Approved to sample 9 streams in 3 towns
- Cl, N and P will be measured biweekly and during high flows starting mid April thru end of July
- Ed and Steve are collecting the samples. **Anyone else interested** in participating should contact Steve.
- Ed, Luke & Steve submitted watershed grant to get more data for inventory and for reclassification.
- Grant Title: Macroinvertebrate community assessments of tributary streams within the town of Marshfield with request for \$2,528
- Expect to hear sometime in April
- Need to notify the SB

Game Camera Protocol:

- Bradley has camera which is ready to use; he is willing to help set it up
- Suggestion to utilize for the inventory
- Bradley will help with downloading images and has created a folder on Google drive for photos.
- Anne suggests keeping images for a potential fund raising calendar.

Weed Wrench

- Ed suggested purchasing weed wrenches to Stranahan Stewardship Com and there was no interest
- Suggestion to submit a tiny grant
- **Ed** will submit grant for two weed pullers.

Other business:

- Sarah suggested meeting in library for our next meeting
- **Anne** will approach Susan to determine availability
- Following the meeting Luke sent an email that he has extra wood duck boxes to be placed around town. They require being cleaned out every year. Suggestion to place on Stranahn Town Forest in appropriate habitat.

Submitted by: Bob Popp

Submitted on: 6 March 2022

Approved on: _____