

Marshfield Conservation Commission  
172nd Meeting  
1 March, 2023 at Old Schoolhouse Common and Virtual  
MINUTES

Members Present: Luke Boushee, Steve Fiske, Bradley Materick, Anne Miller, Sarah Norton, Bob Popp, and Annie Reed

Minutes: February Minutes approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

- Bradley is trying to determine whether we owe dues to AVCC

Town Meeting Prep

- **Bradley, Bob & Anne** will set up.
- **Anne** will pick up materials from Old Schoolhouse
- **Steve** will bring copy of water quality assessment report
- Bradley will show video from game camera
- Agreed to have a table in the hall so could talk with people about water quality assessment and town inventory.

Natural Resource Inventory

- Matt has drafted an executive summary that Brett needs to review prior to finalizing
- **Bradley** will make ca 50 copies if get the summary by Monday.
- Want to finalize a date to include on the handout, alternatively could just mention there will be a presentation in the future.
- **Bob** will discuss with Brett

**Note:** one page executive summary is completed and final draft will be ready by Monday AM.

Martin Bridge Management Plan

- Bradley met with Greg Western, Cross Vt Trail and Isaac Bissell, stewardship director for VHCB.
- Greg is familiar with ownership of properties along railbed.
- Martin Bridge Park property does not include any of the railbed.
- From John Fowler Rd heading east is separate parcel owned by 2 bros in S.Burlington
- East of that property the railbed is split ownership on either side (Ross property).
- Greg is willing to pursue acquisition & doesn't need much help from us.
- **Bradley** will be on the agenda of Select Bd on March 21st to discuss a mowing moratorium; and has drafted a rationale for the moratorium
- Bradley found out there is a formal contract for mowing around the bridge & picnic tables, stone circle and trails, but
- No formal agreement re. brushhogging or haying. May have been an informal agreement with Tim McClay for brushhogging in the past.

### Aquatic Updates

- Three watersheds (Nasmith, Guernsey and Lye Brooks) meet B1 classification
- Need fish data which will be obtained in September by electroshocking
- We might need to apply for reclassification if state does not pursue it.
- Approved to sample streams for water quality this summer. **Steve** will send date of training for volunteers.

### Tree and Shrub Sale:

- **Last weekend in April** will be bundling & distribution on Sat and Sun respectively

### Membership:

- Annie & Ed's terms are both up.
- Annie has contacted select bd; no word on Ed

### National Park Service Grant

- Town is applying for the grant which would entail
- Mapping recreational resources around town
- Providing signage to direct folks to recreation areas
- letter Requesting a letter of support from us
- Members agreed fine to offer our support

### Trail Camera

- Bradley will pass the camera off to Anne.

### Other Business:

- **Bradley** with contact Bobbi re. the poor quality of wifi
- Bob discussed drafting a letter of support for legislation to designate an Invasive Species Day.

Submitted by: Bob Popp

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