

Marshfield Conservation Commission
163 Meeting (Old Schoolhouse & Zoom)
June 1st, 2022

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

Minutes: May Minutes approved unanimously as presented

Treasurer's Report

- Received all invoices; each of the three towns get \$ 611 from the tree & shrub sale

Pollinator Garden:

- Bee The Change have tilled the area twice.
- Plan to till once or twice more and then plant a cover crop. Would like the MCC to do the next tilling probably in next couple of weeks.
- **Ed** will try to find someone local to do the tilling
- Not all the black walnuts planted at OSC have survived. Taber offered add'l seedlings to plant in the fall.

Watershed Grant

- Hired a contractor, Mike Cole to do the identification
- Steve will do the field work which will happen in September.

Natural Resource Inventory:

- Now have a listing of the priority sites for visitation with landowners identified.
- The landowner file is on our Google Drive and we can all add to it.
- Landowners who are not claimed are now bolded.
- We should state that the information will be publicly available to the town, land trusts and the state. We don't need to specifically request permission to share it beyond this.
- Forward any email replies to Bradley or bcc him on requests.
- Taber will track our progress and set up a meeting in next few weeks if needed.

Stranahan Stewardship Committee

- Looking for a new member for the committee
- Ed attends meetings if he can.
- Issue concerning parking at north end of Pitkin Road.

Martin Covered Bridge:

- Question re. the timing of the mowing which is happening while bobolinks are still nesting. They have been observed in the field prior to mowing
- Ed has spoken with Tim McClay in the past and he isn't willing to mow unless he can get an early cutting
- Question of whether they are avoiding the Hayden's sedge (*Carex haydenii*) that occurs in the field. It is supposed to be avoided but need to **check the management plan**

- Tabled until next meeting.
- **Ed** will talk with Tim Mc Clay prior to then.

Other Business:

- Annie implored folks to pull wild chervil and garlic mustard which is flowering now along the roads.
- Ed has submitted a Tiny Grant to the Assoc of VT Conservation Commissions (AVCC) to purchase two weed wrenches. He expects to hear soon.
Note: Ed let us know on 3 June that he has been awarded a grant for \$275 to purchase “a pair of brush grubbers to pull stumps of invasive shrubs”.

Submitted by: Bob Popp

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Approved on: 6 July 2022