

Marshfield Conservation Commission

Minutes of 176<sup>th</sup> Meeting

2 August, 2023 at Old Schoolhouse

Members Present: Luke Boushee, Bradley Materick, Sara Norton, Bob Popp, Annie Reed and Anne Miller (for last few items).

Non-Members Present: None

Minutes: July Minutes approved as presented

- **Bradley** will send retreat notes to Bob

Treasurer's Report: Luke

- Spent \$50 for AVCC membership
- Balance on Conservation Fund \$7,984
- **Luke** will ensure that final invoice for inventory was paid.

Letter re. Stranahan Bike Proposal: Bradley

- Suggestion to include an executive summary
- Bradley will revise the letter to include a summary

Review of Natural Resource Inventory:

- Members agreed report was well written with only a few typos and a question re. listing of ravens and blue herons as uncommon.
- Question of whether to include links in the report to find more information about management recommendations.
- Question whether to include an MCC contact for further landowners to obtain additional information.
- Suggestion of sponsoring field trips to some of the significant sites, but concern about visiting private property. Suggestion to focus on Forest Farmers and Groton SF
- Agreed it was OK to put copies in library, post on website, put link on FPF.
- **Bradley** will touch base with Brett about making any changes such as adding links, etc.
- We **will investigate** getting a few copies bound for placement in library and for Select Bd, etc.

Martin Covered Bridge Flooding:

- Bradley passed around photos of the bridge showing flood damage but also from remedial work

- Someone has been working with a tractor to remove some debris, but also some damage done by creating berms and ruts.
- **Bradley** will contact SB to inquire further.

#### Fall Foliage Festival: Sunday 1 Oct

- Anne would like us to lead one or more trips for the event.
- We need to decide by next meeting so can advertise the trips.

#### Fall and Spring Eclipses

- Anne attended a training session and will have access to an astronomy kit.
- Full eclipse will be in April. Anne has special glasses to share.

#### Plant Sale Update:

- Bradley provided feedback from discussion at last month meeting to Rose re. the plant sale.
- Question whether anyone wants to help coordinate next year's sale.

Submitted By: Bob Popp

Submitted On: 4 August 2023

Approved On: 6 Sept 2023