

Marshfield Conservation Commission

198th Meeting 6 August 2025

Old Schoolhouse and Zoom

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Ed Jalbert, Anne Miller, Mary Perchlik, Bob Popp, Lloyd Potter and Annie Reed

Non-Members: Amanda Wojtalik-Courter

Minutes: July minutes approved unanimously with one minor typo

Treasurers Report: None

- Anne volunteered to be treasurer
- **Anne** will check with Luke re the protocol to follow

Facilitators:

- **September: Ed**
- October: Mary

Martin Bridge Update

- Bob, Lloyd and Steve attended the 5 August Select Bd meeting
- The following comments were offered by the SB
 - The Operation Plan should be incorporated within the Martin Bridge Management Plan (MBMP) which should be the overriding document
 - It should be stated in the MBMP that no further trails beyond what currently exist, will be allowed
 - The MBMP should also mention the possible construction of a boardwalk from the parking area to the bridge and the creation of a channel upstream of the bridge to allow the Winooski to more easily access to the floodplain. This would facilitate obtaining future funding.
 - We did not address any potential conflicts with the Operations Plan and the MCC was directed to try to resolve these independently of the SB.
 - The protocol for haying was briefly discussed but with no resolution.

Water Quality Monitoring

- One more week of monitoring then done for the year.
- Luke is still helping out

Invasives Control

- Outstanding need to draft pamphlet for invasive control for public. **Annie & Ed** will draft by this Fall
- Invasive control at Martin Bridge planned for **Saturday, Aug. 23rd 1 to 4**
- **Bob** will post on FPF and contact interested folks.

Verizon Cell Tower

- Annie rec'd a response from abutters to our letter
- There is no further information on the PUC website, specifically addressing natural resource concerns.

Regional Gathering of Conservation Commissions

- AVCC is planned for proposing a regional meeting of central VT conservation commissions planned for October 11th in Hardwick.
- They are trying to assess interest and are requesting individual members to respond accordingly.
- **Bob** will forward the email with the information and the website to respond.

Update on FEMA properties

- Bob has visited four of the 6 potential Flood Buyouts and will draft a report for the members and ultimately for the Select Bd.
- Lamberton Property ca. 11 Ac includes portion of a 3.2 Ac Class 2 wetland with 1.75 Ac on property and 8.25 ac forested and ca. 1.5 around house and driveway. Also abuts RR bed. Forest is rocky and seepy dominated by NW Cedar with yellow birch and not easily logged. There is an old logging road leading up to the RR bed and this could possibly be utilized by Cross VT Trail with the old house site for parking.
- Koeller/Black a one acre parcel including portions on both sides of Upper Depot. Access to the falls is the most prominent feature and this could be a small park within walking distance of Old Schoolhouse.
- Covey. This is a 0.25 acre lot on corner of Rte 2 and Folsom Hill Rd. with no obvious future uses.
- Rapczynski. This is 4 acre site adjacent to former Twinfield soccer field. The rerouted Nasmith Brook now bisects the parcel with half of it on the east side of the

brook and no longer accessible. This should be included in the Twinfield soccer field rewilding.

- The remaining two sites still have houses and appear to be occupied. We need to check with Town Clerk re. their status.

Fundraising

- Suggestion to dig up native shrubs & saplings and sell locally
- But members expressed concern about spreading jumping worms
- Suggestion to take cuttings and root them in potting mix.
- Suggestion to discuss further at conference and consider for implementing next spring

Membership

- **Amanda** will submit a letter of interest to Bob

Other Business

- VT Reads Program is featuring a book about Florida becoming uninhabitable due to climate change. They are requesting suggestions for climate related programs to go along with the book discussion
- Suggestion for drafting a pamphlet on environmental issues or alternatively draft periodic postings on FPF
- Suggestion that we explore creating a presence on social media.

Submitted By: Bob Popp

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