

Marshfield Conservation Commission

107th Meeting

4 January 2017

Members Attending: Taber Allison, Allen Banbury, Steve Fiske, Ed Jalbert, Anne Miller, Sara Norton, and Bob Popp

Minutes: December minutes approved unanimously with one correction re. expiration of terms.

Treasurer's report: None provided

Annual Report:

- Bob presented a draft and received comments
- **Bob** will follow up with Drew re. Green Up Day
- **Allen** will follow up with Bobbi re. revenue from plant sale

Watershed Planning

- Winooski watershed plan is undergoing 5 year update in 2017
- Plan will incorporate new water quality standards which include an additional stream management category, class B1 which allows only minor change in biological integrity.
- Some streams in the watershed will likely move up from class B to B1 or A
- **Monday, January 16th** kickoff meeting to discuss upcoming plan **at OSC library 6 to 8**
- Would like to encourage folks to attend to support upgrading some streams to higher category, both Gueney and Nasmith Brooks are possible candidates.
- **Steve** will send links to some information prior to the meeting
- For an upgrade to B1 need to consistently show that stream is of higher quality; town support is helpful but not mandatory.
- Can now manage different resources to different standards, i.e. so some resources can be A while others B1. Previously all resources needed to meet same standard. So for eg, aquatic biota & fisheries don't need to be same management category

Natural Marshfield

- Anne solicited ideas for the "enhanced naturalist series. A few suggestions included
- Followup on natural biome
- Ben Kilian on Black bears; this topic got most interest

Stranahan Town Forest

- A logger will clear trees by parking lot at Jake Martin Rd in order to expand parking area; apparently don't need archeological survey as previously thought
- STF will be considering proposal for additional mt bike proposal at next meeting

Other Business:

- Sara suggested that we discuss Jens presentation at our next meeting
- Municipal Planning Grant: Bob reiterated his willingness to start to work on this during the winter. It can't be finalized until we know this years' theme.
- Phenology Study: Tabor and Annie will look into INaturalist and try to get this started by Spring

Plant Sale Planning:

- Need to have planning meeting soon
- **Allen** will contact Sara Albert who ran the sale last year
- Steve suggested that we order some additional larger trees for plantings along OSC trails.

Membership:

- Still short one member

Submitted By: Bob Popp

Submitted On: 7 January 2017

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