

Marshfield Conservation Commission
127th Meeting
Meeting of 2 January 2019

Members Present: Taber Allison, Allen Banbury, Steve Fiske, Ed Jalbert, Anne Miller, Bob Popp, Annie Reed, and Rachel Rudi

Minutes: January minutes accepted unanimously as presented

Treasurers Report:

- Allen requested an increase in our yearly operating fund in late December but has heard nothing
- He also requested a \$100 check towards the speakers series to come out of our 2018 allocation.

Reclassification of surface waters

- Agreed to invite Pam from CVRPC to discuss the surface water reclassification at our next meeting
- **Steve** will invite Pam and also query her as to what the project entails.

Invasives Mapping:

- **Taber** will download observations to iNaturalist.
- **Bob** will provide the maps from the previous invasives survey as pdf

Watershed Grant application

- Deadline 2.15.19
- We plan to apply for the inventory category capped at \$3500
- Question as to whether MCC members would be covered by town liability insurance; contractors as well.
- **Annie, Bob and Taber** will complete the application.

Sugaring update

- Steve spoke with Kate Sudhoff, who oversees the Forest Legacy Program
- She is currently awaiting the appraisal from Forest Service, but would welcome a letter of support from us.
- Deadline of March 31st; easement would be in perpetuity with periodic update to the management plan;
- Steve drafted a letter of support which was reviewed at the meeting
- The operation plans to tap birch & beech trees, but FPR has no standards for these.

- Letter advocates public access (primarily foot), & continued monitoring
- Question as to who does the monitoring and the frequency
- **Steve** will revise; members need to comment by Sunday, Jan 6th so Steve can submit it

Natural Marshfield;

- Sue Morse will speak on 2.13.19 at Opera House re. wild canids.

Stranahan update;

- Ed provided letter to the Stranahan Committee re. treatment of Class III wetlands on the property, but no decision was made about their protection

Town report

- The Annual Report is due 1.8.19;
- **Bob** will draft & send out for comments by Saturday;
- **Ed and Annie** need reappointing and need to notify Select Bd of their intentions

Plant sale meeting

- **Annie** will send out a list of dates to schedule the meeting to select the plants
- **Annie, Anne, Bob, Rachel, Allen** will meet to select plants
- Concern expressed about Plainfield's lack of full participation.
- **Bob** will check dates of sale on website

New Zoning Map

- PC willing to come to our meeting or we'd attend theirs on Jan 17th.
- New plan would tentatively increase the setback from 600 to 750 ft but also moved two areas into Forestry & Conservation land that were not previously included there so a small net gain in F&C land
- **Annie** will contact Melissa to arrange a joint meeting
- **Annie** will provide a summary of proposed changes prior to the meeting

Survey of municipalities for revising Town Plans for Act 171

- Tabled till plant sale meeting or
- **Annie** will try to complete it

Other Business/ Announcements:

- Congressman Welch introduced a bill to control invasives HR 5519 especially focused on EAB

- Suggestion to send this information out to AVCC
- Water Wise Woodlands Management. Steve volunteers on the committee; they produced a cartoon about maintaining water quality that they want to put in local newspaper.

Submitted By: Bob Popp

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