

Marshfield Conservation Commission

104th Meeting

5 Oct 2016

Members Attending: Taber Allison, Allen Banbury, Ed Jalbert, Anne Miller, Sara Norton, Bob Popp, Steve Fiske, and Annie Reed (Chair)

Minutes: August minutes approved with minor changes

September minutes approved with minor changes

Treasurers Report: No report given

Municipal Planning Grant

- Planning Commission (PC) is not submitting a grant proposal
- Will meet next week to submit a proposal for a Village Center Designation
- **Bob** will take first crack at drafting a proposal and then will meet with subgroup of Annie and Tabor
- **Annie** will check with SB whether they need to review it prior to submission

Stranahan Town Forest

- Ed, Tabor & Anne attend Stranahan Stewardship Com (SSC) meeting with bike club
- The club wants to construct extensive bike trails so could bike for up to 2 hrs.
- Bike group presented a concept plan but not the specifics
- SSC had mixed reaction to additional trails, but emphasized that the forest needed to be used by a number of interests for a number of uses.
- Suggestion to pass our concerns on to the SSC; **Annie and Sara** will draft.
- Annie **requested input from all members by 15th**.

Invasives:

- Select bd (SB) member contacted us re. knotweed introduction on Holt Road.
- Road crew said they did not bring in any fill so must have come from material on the treads of their equipment.
- Road crew is interested in an invasives training to be done in the fall.
- We need to **follow up in the Spring**
- **Note:** following the meeting it was noted that the knotweed has not unexpectedly returned on Holt Rd. It will need to be dug up numerous times a year for multiple years to eradicate it.

Natural Marshfield

- Anne mentioned that Goddard is now requesting \$50 fee and next speaker is requesting funding so need each of the 4 sponsoring groups need to contribute \$50. Will push harder for contributions during the presentation.
- **Motion:** to approve expenditure of \$50 towards the speaker fee. Approved unanimously

- November Fishes with Rich Langdon (DEC) and December winter tree and shrub walk with Ed Jalbert

Water Quality Monitoring:

- Conducted biweekly sampling over the entire summer over range of flow levels
- During high flows bacteria counts very high
- Indicates high input of nonpoint source bacteria
- Friends of Winooski (FOW) would like the trail at Old Schoolhouse Common moved away from the river before planting add'l trees

Martin Bridge Update

- Allen shoveled silt off of boat launch

New Members:

- Members had some names of other folks who expressed interest; they will contact folks & determine their interest.

Other Business

- AVCC conference on Oct 22nd at Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee.
- **Motion** to approve Registration fee (\$35) for anyone who wants to attend. Approved unanimously

Submitted By: Bob Popp

Submitted On: 8 October 2016

Approved On: _____