

Marshfield Conservation Commission

157th Meeting (Via Zoom)  
3 November, 2021, 7:00 PM

## Minutes

Members Attending: Steve Fiske, Ed Jalbert, Bradley Materick, Anne Miller (on phone), Sara Norton, Bob Popp, Annie Reed

Non-Members: Greg Western (Cross VT Trail) for part of the meeting

Minutes: October Minutes approved unanimously as presented

Treasurers Report: Bradley

- Bradley asks that members email him re. any expenses
- Bobbi has sent invoice to Anne re. plant sale.

Trail Camera:

- Bradley has gone to trailcompro to access reviews of cameras
- They also sell trail cameras and provide a 2 year warranty
- Recommend Browning camera; comes with camera, metal box, batteries, memory card and reader and a lock. Cost is \$234 plus tax?
- Ed suggested purchasing one or more weed wrenches
- Question of either one or the other or tap into conservation fund and acquire both.
- **Ed** agreed to look into weed wrenches.

**Motion:** to purchase a trail camera. Vote 6 in favor and 1 opposed

Will discuss how to place the camera and whether to purchase one or more weed wrenches at next meeting.

Cross Vermont Trail: Greg Western

- CVT was not approved for VoRec Grant in first round. However Town of Groton has been approved in 1st round & invited to submit full proposal
- Greg has spoken with most land owners along railbed in Marshfield and is continuing to converse with them.
- Interested in convening a larger group of LOs, users, potential users and town to discuss how best to move forward to assure trail access.
- Greg will look into collaborating with towns using ARPA funds to upgrade portions of railbed.
- Greg will keep us posted of progress and future needs.

### Natural Resource Inventory:

- Bob provided update re. apparent ineligibility for us to utilize ARPA funds for the inventory. The Municipal Planning Grant focus is also not a fit for the inventory
- We requested to be on the Select Bd agenda for their 16 Nov meeting to present the idea of the inventory. **Bob** will let folks know but Annie thought we didn't want a crowd for a Zoom meeting
- Steve asked about total funds needed. Suggested we may want to hire some consultants to help with aquatic inventories.
- Sara asked how finished product will be utilized? Doesn't want it to become a shelf document.
- Some suggestions include to liaison with Planning Commission to protect high priority resources; have a series of ongoing field trips to special sites.

### Forest Farmers Property

- Question of any followup activity from our walk on the property
- Discussion on monitoring needs was tabled till next meeting

### OSC Workday: Steve

- Five folks met to weed and mulch the planted trees.

### Pollinator Garden: Steve

- Will be back in touch with Bee The Change by March
- Ellen Cook would provide her tractor to use, but still need a tiller.

### Plant Sale Update: Anne

- Hope to place orders earlier this year so items not sold out, but some vendors don't have final list yet.

### Other Business

- Funding ideas: 50/50 raffle guessing date of first frost.
- Members brainstormed other ideas.
- To be continued

Submitted by: Bob Popp

Submitted on: 8 November, 2021

Approved on: 1 December 2021