

Marshfield Conservation Commission  
126<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
Meeting of 5 December 2018

Members Present: Taber Allison, Allen Banbury, Steve Fiske, Anne Miller, Sarah Norton, Bob Popp, and Annie Reed

Minutes:

- Minutes of September and November accepted as presented

Treasurers Report:

- No activity other than some pamphlets sold.
- Allen will request a Conservation Commission funding allotment increase to \$400

Natural Marshfield:

- Hope to have Sue Morse presentation on Canids Feb 13<sup>th</sup> either at Haybarn or Opera House
- Anne is soliciting suggestions for future speakers
- Possibly will sponsor an invasive walk this summer

**Motion:** Allen moved that \$100 go to the Natural Marshfield Speakers Series account held by Cutler Library. Approved unanimously

Stranahan Town Forest:

- Meeting this week to discuss wetlands Ed was planning to go. Topic is tabled.

Resilient ROWs

- Committee would like to access our invasive plant maps from 2016
- Anne needs map for Ennis Hill and Cree Farm Rds and Brook Rd.
- **Bob** agreed to try to make a map of invasives on the town via GIS
- Sarah needs map of John Fowler Rd
- Steve needs Upper & Lower Depot Rd.
- **Bob** will provide maps as requested.
- **Taber** suggested using iNaturalist. He will set up a project for us and see what is already reported on iNaturalist for the town

Sugaring Operation:

- Suggestion to compose a letter of support to FPR re. inclusion of the property in Forest Legacy Program.

- The letter would discuss the benefits of an easement and our suggestions for the easement, such as allowing access, monitoring, etc.
- Steve will speak with Kate Sudhoff at FPR and also Mike Farell
- Mike Farell apparently wants to tap other trees such as birch, beech. But there are no standards for Legacy Program which may raise concerns for the easement since typically includes only maple.
- Steve & Taber have drafted a monitoring plan for the parcel.

Other Business:

Town Contributions:

- Sarah compiled a list of town contributions towards their Conservation Commissions

Plant Sale:

- Plant sale planning will be coming up in January. Anne is organizing the sale; not sure if Plainfield is still participating.
- **Meet at 6 on Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>** our next meeting to discuss the plant sale.

Draft Zoning Map:

- Current PC proposal entails a net gain of forestry & conservation area by changing some rural residential to forestry & conservation, but also increased road setback from 600 to 750 ft. which allows development another 150 ft in from roads.
- Annie suggests that we approach PC & SB about retaining the current setbacks
- **Annie** will approach the PC about a joint meeting, and to get access to a digital copy of the proposed map. They meet the 1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday
- **Steve** will approach the RPC about getting a map

Submitted By: Bob Popp

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