

Marshfield Conservation Commission

158th Meeting (Via Zoom)

1 December, 2021

Minutes

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

1. Approval of November Minutes: Bob
 - Minutes approved unanimously
2. Treasurer's report: Bradley
 - Bradley purchased trail camera for \$234
 - This should zero out our Operation Fund
3. Members welcomed Luke Boushee who was recently appointed to the MCC by the Select Bd.
4. Discussion of budget for town inventory: Taber and Bob
 - Bob summarized the meeting with him, Taber and the Select Bd. The SB was supportive of the inventory but would present it as a line item in the town budget to be voted on at Town Meeting.
 - We would be allowed to present the request at TM but suggested to also put a discussion in Town Rpt
 - **Bob** will followup to determine deadlines.
 - Members agreed to let the professionals visit the high priority sites and members would focus on medium and low priority sites
 - Question of what the town might expect from a natural resource inventory. It is included as an outstanding need in the town plan.
 - Motion to request \$20,000 for the inventory, but this would be inclusive of MCC contribution and in-kind contribution.
 - Taber mentioned that SB asked what MCC would contribute.
 - Motion to accept the budget as proposed by ecological consultants
 - Bradley suggests that MCC contribute \$5,000 from our Conservation Fund
 - Motion was approved with one member opposed
 - Question was asked about other uses of Conservation Fund.
 - Cons Fund could be used for identifying & protecting animal habitat, riparian restoration, camera monitoring of road crossings,

conservation easements and producing maps after completion of inventory.

- **We agreed to brainstorm** this at a future meeting.

5. Game Camera: Bradley

- Bradley purchased a Browning camera package w/ security box and lock, memory card, and reader & batteries
- Bradley is testing it out and will provide a summary of setup

6. Purchase of Weed Wrench: Ed

- Ed has found 2 options: one for \$80 that can pull up to 1 inch diameter shrub. 2nd can pull 2in for \$160.
- Suggestion to purchase one of each & share cost w/ Stranahan Com
- Stranahan Com has a brush saw we can borrow
- Suggestion to wait until next year & purchase one of each potentially splitting the cost w/ Stranahan Com
- **Ed** will provide link so we can view the wrenches.

7. Forest Farmers' Followup:

- Steve sent note to them and also FPR re. erosion on the road which they fixed next day

8. Stream Biological Assessment: Steve

- Macro invert samples from Lye Brk, tributary of Turtlehead Pd and Marshfield Brook
- Looking for volunteers to pick thru the bugs prior to identification and cataloging
- Could be either weekday or weekend for half a day. Ed, Bob & Bradley were interested in helping.

9. Raffle Idea: Tabled

10. Other Business: None

Submitted by: Bob Popp

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