

Marshfield Conservation Commission

97TH Meeting

10 February 2016

Members Attending: Anne Miller, Annie Reed (Chair), Allen Banbury, Ed Jalbert, Taber Alison, Allen Banbury, and Bob Popp

Others: Jenny Gundy

Minutes: January minutes were reviewed and approved with a few typos.

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance of 6773 in Conservation Fund
- Allen questioned whether we have renewed membership in AVCC
- Motion: to renew our membership from the Operating Fund if it has lapsed. Approved unanimously

Introduction of Jenny Gundy, perspective new member.

- Jenny moved to Marshfield ca 1.5 yr ago.
- She was involved with Chalotte transition group and performed energy audits.
- Taught Environmental Literacy for adult ed
- Presently the Coordinator of Academic services for CCV in St J.

Town Meeting Planning:

- Need to get board to school and place pictures on it.
- **Ed, Annie, Anne, and Allen** will arrive at 8 to set up board.
- Bob reminded folks that photos from field trips would be great to have. Something to keep in mind for upcoming trips.

Plant Sale: Planning meeting held last month

- Plainfield is coordinating this year
- Annie, Anne, Allen, Steve & Bob attended
- Focus this year will be on edibles
- Sara (Plnflid CC) will have the order forms available for town meeting.

Natural Marshfield Series:

- Attendance has declined since moved from Tues to Thurs
- Feb 18th Kickoff of Phenology Project
- **Bob** will send F&W Winter Severity Index to Taber and Annie.
- We had 186 attendees for Sue Morse
- Sue Morse will speak on March 9th at Goddard; her fee is covered by donations from her previous presentation

- Art Gilman will speak on the Vermont Flora project on March 17th and Susan Sawyer will speak on vernal pools on April 21st.

Progress towards 5 Year Plan

- Stream Sampling: Steve is lead (absent from meeting).
- Natural Area Inventory to include wetlands inventory. **Bob** will look into Municipal Planning Grant
- Biodiversity Day: will follow up on Phenology Study. Annie reminded folks of Marshfield Flora project and the collected specimens which reside at Barbara Bohn's house. There is also an incomplete spreadsheet.
- Unfragmented Forests: Sarah is gathering material and subsequently will coordinate with interested members
- Game Camera: Anne hasn't done anything yet
- Bat Houses: Allen has plans for houses and has spoken with Trevor about space in Twinfield. Shop. Allen is developing parts list & price lists. He is also looking into grants.
- Bee Garden: Anne has a list of flowering times for native plants
- Roadside mowing: Plan is to create a map of invasives this summer

Other Business:

- Climate Change petition is on the warning for Town Meeting. Rich Philips and the Energy Committee are the leads on this. The idea arose from the Climate Change brainstorm organized by the Energy Committee.
- Anne suggested that we stay on top of the beaver issue. Anne & Annie will follow up

Stranahan Town Forest:

- SB met following the meeting w/ Stranahan Stewardship Com (SSC) and agreed to update the Management Plan themselves, specifically Sect 7: Organization and Management
 - SB is requesting public comment at meeting on 16th
- Note:** this meeting was subsequently postponed until Tues, Feb 23rd.
- A petition was submitted requesting disbanding of the SSC and turning management over to the Co Forester.
 - Jenny Warshow (SSC Chair) & Ed have reviewed the parcels suitable for forestry and have come up with a map depicting acceptable areas for logging. This map is not yet available.
 - The MCC shares the concern of the SSC about compliance with all leases on the Stranhan Forest and agrees that they all should be monitored.

Submitted by : Bob Popp

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Accepted on: _____