

## Marshfield Conservation Commission

### 109<sup>th</sup> Meeting

1 Mar 2017

Members Attending: Taber Allison, Anne Miller, Bob Popp, Steve Fiske, and Annie Reed (Chair)

Minutes: February minutes approved unanimously with minor corrections.

Treasurers Report: Bobbi provided a report in Allen's absence.

- Balance of \$7950 in Conservation Fund which includes \$988 from last year's plant sale and \$116 from sales of the book.
- **Allen** should investigate the discrepancy of \$12 with our previous report.

Town Meeting Prep

- We are unable to find our display panel for town meeting
- Annie couldn't find anything suitable at Staples
- Annie will check to see where Sara got hers and look into getting something to replace the large display. Members approved expenditure to purchase an appropriate panel.
- Steve unable to attend Town Mtg, but left Water Quality Results for display.
- **Annie & Anne** will set up our display at 8

Energy Siting Survey:

- Members spent considerable time answering the survey questions which were entered online and submitted directly to the Central Vt Regional Planning Commission
- The survey focused on known and potential constraints to siting large size alternative energy projects, i.e. wind, solar, biomass, or manure digesters.

Plant Sale Update :

- April 7<sup>th</sup> orders due
- April 28<sup>th</sup> Pack orders: **Anne, Annie(?), Bob, Allen, Sarah Albert**
- April 29<sup>th</sup> Order distribution at Plainfield: **Taber, Steve, Sarah Alpert, and Allen (?)**

Natural Resource Inventory Update: Bob, Annie & Taber met early to discuss

- Bob will start on an outline of a proposal for submission next fall
- Annie and Bob will coordinate with the Planning Commission on submitting Municipal Planning Grant
- Bob, Taber, Annie, & Steve will begin Landscape reconnaissance in the Fall

Contact with Planning Commission

- Sara contacted the PC

- Jon Groveman said that revising the zoning regs is on hold and the focus instead will be on the Town Plan which expires in Sept.
- He invited MCC members to attend their next meeting. Annie may try to attend

#### Natural Marshfield Series

- March 16<sup>th</sup>: Biomimicry with Lincoln Centers
- April: Vermont's Rare, Threatened & Endangered Plants with Bob Popp
- May: Citizen Science
- Taber discussed the iNaturalist App
- Discussion ensued about how detailed to get with requesting and accepting data for the phenology project

#### Old Schoolhouse Commons—tree planting plan

- Steve provided maps depicting two proposed planting areas.
- Friends of Winooski will provide ca. 15 larger size saplings for this spring.
- Steve wants to match it with another 15 saplings; will decide on species next month, possibly cedars.
- **Steve** will contact town trustees to discuss the plantings
- Suggest **meeting at 6:30 to walk along Winooski prior to the next meeting** to review planting plan & decide on species.

#### New Business

BioFinder: Bob mentioned training sessions for new version

##### **Webinars**

- *March 6*, 1:00-2:00pm
- *March 16*, 1:00-2:00pm
- To register [Monica.przyperhart@vermont.gov](mailto:Monica.przyperhart@vermont.gov)

##### **Workshops**

- **Barre** Central Vermont Career Center
- *April 25* 6:00 - 8:00pm

#### Botanical Sciences & Native Plants Bill HR 1054

- Bob will forward information on this and also post to the AVCC web site

#### Support for Cross VT trail

- They need funds for bridge across Winooski and move trail off of Rte 2. Asking for towns in the area to support this project.

#### Friends of Winooski:

- Planning a river appreciation day in fall; want our involvement
- Presenting a workshop on better driveways & private roads in June.

Goddard Presentations: see FPF or papers for specific info. Both events at Goddard Haybarn and free

- Mon, the 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM: Discussion of climate change impacts by David Orr
- Tues, the 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM: Movie about climate change impacts.

Submitted by: Bob Popp

Submitted on: 4 March 2017

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Accepted on: \_\_\_\_\_