

Marshfield Conservation Commission

110th Meeting

5 April 2017

Members Attending: Allen Banbury, Rachel Rudi, Sara Norton, Anne Miller, Bob Popp, Steve Fiske, and Annie Reed (Chair)

Minutes: March minutes approved unanimously as presented.

Treasurers Report: None presented.

- Allen will check on the apparent discrepancy reported in March minutes

Arbor Day Conference:

Motion: to approve paying the \$40 fee for attendance at the Arbor Day conference for any interested members. Approved unanimously.

Tree Plantings:

- Some members walked the OSC property prior to the meeting
- Want to plant in two areas: town land and village property
- Steve received permission from town but he's awaiting village approval
- Friends of Winooksi will provide 10 to 15 larger trees, ca 2 inch diameter.
- Steve asking that the MCC match with equal no of trees: he suggests 3 paper birch and 10 elderberry and 6 shadbush. Cost to come from the Conservation Fund.

Motion: to approve expenditure of ca. \$75 for the plantings. Approved unanimously

Plant Sale:

- Will consider extending the deadline for orders another week.
- **Pickup is Saturday, the 29th and sorting orders is Friday, the 28th**
- Annie & Bob are not available on Friday; Rachel will help; **Anne** will call Plainfield for additional help.
- Anne needs to provide a location for the delivery; Allen offered his place. But he will need help loading his truck Fri afternoon

Natural Marshfield

- Last presentation had only 2 attendees. Attendance has been down for unknown reason. Other towns are also doing presentation so may be increased competition.
- **Thurs, April 20th** will be Bob discussing the state's rare flora
- May will be citizen science led by Taber.

Celebrity Naturalist Series: Sponsored jointly with Jaquith & Cutler libraries & Plnflid CC

Possible speakers

- Ben Kellum on bears
- Tom Wessels
- Sue Morse: bears or coyotes

Stranahan Town Forest:

- Lincoln Centers will be removing trees from Jake Martin Rd for new parking areas. Need volunteers to drag tops into the woods. Saturday, the 8th
- Ed offered to do invasive control 2 days/week
- Ed will prune apple trees around cellar holes across from Thompson hay field
- Other members will begin late season mowing around old foundation, and post signs at boundary,
- Asking MCC to guide invasive control efforts on property
- Will appoint a member to oversee contracts. Not sure this entails monitoring for compliance of permit conditions. **Annie** will follow up for clarification
- VLT will provide a checklist of when they need to be contacted
- Grants are available from state Urban & Community Forest Program Initiative to support recreational planning in town forest

Biofinder:

- Bob will do a brief **Biofinder training next meeting** . Members should **bring laptops** so can access internet

Other Business:

Invasives species

- Anne reminded us of our invasive workshop for the highway crew
- Bob reminded us of our invasive inventory done last year on town roads
- **FoW June 19th** workshop asked us to be con-sponsor to help with advertising. Private road & driveway erosion control and maintenance. Also asking Cabot & Plainfield. Members agreed to help as needed.
- Annie will speak with the SB re coordinating with road crew re. beaver baffles
- Annie inquired about venues for our booklets sales.

Submitted By: Bob Popp

Submitted on: 15 April 2017

Approved on: _____