

Marshfield Conservation Commission

99th Meeting

4th May 2016

Members Attending: Annie Reed (Chair), Allen Banbury, Taber Allison, Sara Norton, Bob Popp and Jess Rubin (new member)

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

Planning Commission: Annie and Bob attended the PC meeting

- Discussed submitting a Municipal Planning Grant to conduct a natural resource inventory of the town . Applications due 30 September
- PC is supportive, but would like a portion of the funds to support their work on town plan revisions. They submitted 2 previous grants, both rejected, ostensibly because of a lack of a designated village center for the town. Apparently this designation can happen quickly and is something the PC is interested in pursuing.
- PC thinks that providing the framework for protection is important prior to identifying them.
- There is a cash match requirement for any funding over \$8,000.
- PC also discussed their forum, planned **for 6 PM on Thurs, 19th May.**
- They will explain the town plan and the current zoning regs
- RPC will attend and provide maps to present current zoning overlaying Nat Res Atlas layers.
- Follow up meeting planned for June 16th.

Treasurer's Report: No Report

Membership: Welcome to Jess Rubin;

- Members introduced themselves
- Jess offered the following introduction to her background & interests:
 - She previously worked as an outdoor educator and wilderness guide;
 - Presently a HS biology teacher @ Harwood, also teaches at CCV;
 - She also has a home permaculture business;
 - Very Interested in wildlife inventory & citizen science
- **Bob** will send 5 yr plan to Jess

Plant Sale:

- Sarah Alpert advertised all leftover plants on FPF and all were sold subsequent to the sale.
- Ca. \$4600 gross
- 59 individual pre-orders; among the highest number since sale began
- Used Bram Tobin's barn which was a big improvement over the previous venue.

Natural Marshfield:

- Will need to reschedule Bob's Rare Vermont Flora talk due to conflict with the Planning Commission forum
- Anne would like to move back to Tuesday since attendance is down since moved to Thursday

Stranahan Town Forest:

- Unknown who applied to be on the committee, but it appears that nobody from the conservation commission has applied
- We may need to select a member to participate.

Five Year Plan:

- Jens Hilke interested in meeting with us
- We may want to go ahead & set up a meeting without the PC as they have not responded to requests for dates
- Consider a presentation at Natural Marshfield series followed by a discussion
- **Sara** will contact Jens to ask what ideas he has
- **Bob** will discuss w/ PC
- Natural Res inventory subgroup decided to move ahead with looking into the MPG.
- **Tabor** will set up a drop box account
- **Bob** will place the successful Plainfield grant into the Dropbox folder

Other Business:

- Discussion of joint visit to Middlesex Town Forest that Anne set up with George Longenecker, former Marshfield resident. We will reciprocate with a walk on the STF. In addition to Anne, Ed, Allen &, Bob attended.
- Next meeting is our 100th meeting. Celebration? Invite former members?
- Plantings at MCB on May 12th in AM with friends of the Winooski.

Submitted by : Bob Popp

Submitted on: 9 May 2016

Accepted on: _____