

Marshfield Conservation Commission  
153rd Meeting  
2 June, 2021

Members Present: Steve Fiske, Ed Jalbert, Bradley Materick, Anne Miller, Bob Popp, and Annie Reed

Non-Members: None

Minutes: May minutes approved unanimously as presented

Treasurer's Report: Bradley

- No Changes

Forest Farmers Conservation Easement:

- Forest Legacy Easement has been signed
- Kate and Rob Nelson (Wash Co Forester) will attend our July meeting re. monitoring to ensure compliance with easement requirements
- No requirement to monitor forest integrity, although following Audubon bird friendly management
- VCE and UVM bird friendly maple study but focused more in Champlain Valley
- Steve questioned whether we want to establish some plots possibly with assistance from FPR and/or forest farmers
- Each stand has its own management plan/objectives but supposed to maintain ca 25% of non maple composition.
- FPR will have to monitor that management and we likely need their approval. Question whether need to follow FPR protocol or can we use VCE's.
- Need to know interest of whether we want to assist in monitoring but don't know what it might entail at this point.
- Need to know what monitoring FPR is doing and whether they are interested in us assisting and how VCE protocol fits
- Steve will provide a brief outline to focus the discussion next month.

Signs for Cow parsnip & Poison Ivy:

- Signs have been approved by Select Bd
- Need to laminate and mount the signs

### Update on Tick Tubes:

A few folks expressed concern that the Plainfield Health Center should not be making recommendations about pesticides, because as far as known, they are not a certified applicator and don't have the authority to do so. Permethrin is a Class B pesticide and one needs to be certified to recommend its use. Tick tubes are also an off-label use of permethrin. Use of tick tubes is all over the internet and has been reported to help, although you have to place a lot of them to be effective. Bottom line is the Health Center shouldn't have that info on their website nor should they be recommending it to their clients or patients.

### Plant Sale Update

- Obtaining material is problematic now that Drinkwaters has gone out of business
- Gross \$ 5,691 minus nursery \$3,313 costs and copying costs
- Net \$ 2,345 split by two towns.
- In future years will split three ways.
- Should order plants next year in November or December as supplies were limited later

### Stranahan Update

- Ed discussed no cut bioreserve with Stranahn Stwd Com
- The hayfield would remain, trails and sugaring would continue
- Committee is interested but want more information
- Ed will gather information for presentation at their next meeting
- Discussed selling carbon credits but not much to gain since property is already preserved and won't be converted.

### Emerald Ash Borer

- Annie and Ed established two traps: on Stranahan on Thompson Rd by Grist Mill Trail and at Turtle Head Pond on trail to Jerusalem Rd on Forest Farmers land
- Emergence begins around June 1st; traps will be checked mid July
- Incurred some expenses

### Old Schoolhouse

Ed and Steve planted four donated apple trees

### Other Business:

Ed brought up the Oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*) on Hollister Hill; the only one in the vicinity he knows of. It may be in town ROW.

Discussed having a work group for mechanical control probably early to mid July.

Submitted by: Bob Popp

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