

Marshfield Conservation Commission

82nd Meeting

June 4th, 2014

Members Attending: Tony Mayhew, Steve Fiske, Mike Zahner, Ann Miller, Annie Reed, Sarah Norton, and Bob Popp

Minutes: May minutes approved with some additions

Treasurer's Report: No change since May

Planting at Martin Covered Bridge:

- No members were able to attend the May planting
- Still need to protect the new plantings from rodents & beaver with screening
- Concern whether high water, snow or ice will knock over the screening
- Also need to paint the larger trees with sand paint.

Vermont Bio-Finder Training

- Mike will look into next training

Water Quality Sampling - Steve

- Sampling on Winooski and 6 small tributaries
- **June 18th at 6Pm** at OSC training
- Need additional volunteers for Marshfield
- Bacteria sampling every other week
- WQ sampling 1 mos
- Volunteers should email Steve or attend meeting
- Collection on Tues Am between 6 & 7; ca. 1 hour commitment
- WQ will be assessed at Creamery St , Marshfld Brk, Great Brk, and Winooski R @ MCB
- Past results show high bacteria count and turbidity following heavy rains
- Above Cabot meet standards. Tributaries also meet standards. Main stem below Cabot shows an increase in bacteria count and then bumped up again in Plnflld Village below dam

MCC meeting with Stranahan Stewardship Committee

- Annie and Ed attended in addition to SSC members and 2 SB members, and 2 reps from VLT
- VLT has a conservation plan that does not include all the wetlands & vernal pools on the property. They were omitted because not mapped during report prep.
- Mgt plan is still a draft so can be revised; also needs to be approved.
- Last winter's proposed logging did not happen because of the unmapped wetlands.

- Most SSC member feel winter logging is ok.
- Decided that need to review and revise the mgt plan
- Easement protects only mapped (i.e. Class 2 wetlands) where need to leave 85% of canopy.
- Mike quoted from the Mgt plan conservation restriction section on pg. 5 that references the conservation plan. It does not recognize class 3 (i.e. unmapped) wetlands.
- There were question re. the membership of the SSC and the length of the appointments.
- Suggestion made for the MCC to revise the management plan ourselves.

Other Business:

- Ann suggested a program about pollenators. John Hayden provides workshops on promoting pollenators and creating habitat. Mostly geared towards agriculture. Would charge a fee, possibly \$300. NoFa presents workshops at a cost of \$10. Anyone can attend. Next is June30th
- Need to follow up with Jon Groveman re. Planning Com minutes and our involvement in assisting in a handbook for proposed develments
- Jan Waterman, Plnflld C C is working on Municipal Planning Grant. She is interested in joint submission but Annie would rather do a wetland inventory in the developable area of town excluding the Forest & Conservation Dist which extends 600ft from roads. Grant applications are due in early fall – Sept? Annie will follow up.

Submitted On: 28 June 2014

Accepted On: _____

Submitted By: Bob Popp

The foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the June 4, 2014 Conservation Commission Meeting.

Attest, _____, Town Clerk
