

Marshfield Conservation Commission

91st Meeting

August 5, 2015

Members Attending: Taber Allison, Allen Banbury, Tony Mayhew, Anne Miller, Sarah Norton, Annie Reed (Chair)

Minutes: Approved unanimously after discussion and minor corrections noted

Treasurer's Report: The current Total Balance of funds is \$6,992.53, including \$245 in the Operating Fund and \$6,747.53 in the Conservation Fund

Water Quality: no report

Martin Covered Bridge: nothing further to report at this time

Bee Project: No further action at this time

Use of Funds:

- Members continued discussion of potential projects. Additional projects for consideration were invasive species control and a wetlands inventory
- In order to advance progress on the choice of project(s) the Commission agreed to the following:
 - An email will be sent to the attention of all Commission members requesting additional project ideas to finalize the list of potential projects by the September Commission meeting
 - Each listed project should have a Commission member acting as point person
 - Each 'point person' will be responsible for gathering information about his/her respective project as outlined in the minutes of the July 1st meeting and reproduced below (as modified slightly by the minutes-taker)
 - Overarching goal, leadership, cost, timeline, time needed, project location, permitting/approval, resources needed, availability of grants/outside funds, additional expertise, long-term maintenance/monitoring, need for volunteers and community involvement, PR
 - Reports will be presented at a future regularly scheduled Commission meeting when it is hoped all members can attend, specific date tbd. Members are asked to indicate their availability in response to the aforementioned email

- As a reminder, the following projects and point person have been identified:
 - Bat Houses (Allen)
 - Beaver Baffles (Annie)
 - Bee Garden, Fruit Trees (Steve)
 - Natural Areas Inventory (Bob)
 - Roadside Mowing (Anne)
 - Wildlife Cameras (Anne)
 - Wildlife Corridors (Sara)

Natural Marshfield Series: Commission members asked to review the list of potential Series topics at the next meeting; a mushroom walk will be scheduled for September

Possible Marshfield-Plainfield Climate Change Meeting:

- A meeting of the two towns is scheduled for September 23rd, Twinfield School (location tentative) to talk about town actions in response to climate change
- Invitees include members of the following Committees:
 - Planning Commission (both towns)
 - Conservation Commission (both towns)
 - Library Board (Marshfield – uncertain whether Cutler Library Board has been invited)
 - Energy Committee (Marshfield) and Plainfield Energy Coordinator
- As far as the Commission knows, no formal agenda has been determined

Power Line Right-of-Way Maintenance in the Stranahan Town Forest:

- The Commission briefly discussed the request from the Town Clerk to provide a recommendation on the notification by Green Mountain Power (?) to conduct maintenance along the power line right-of-way crossing the Stranahan Town Forest
- After discussion, the Commission unanimously recommended against the use of herbicides for maintenance and asked the Commission Chair to email the recommendation to the Chair of the Stranahan Stewardship Committee

Submitted by Taber Allison

Approve on: 2 Sept 2015

The foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the August 5, 2015 Conservation Commission Meeting.

Attest, _____, Town Clerk
