

## Stranahan Forest Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2016

Date: 7/26/2016

Time: 6:00 pm -7:45 pm

Place: OSC

Members Present: Rich Phillips, Chair

Ellen Cooke, Secretary

Jenny Warshow

Michael Sabourin

Sarah Fowler

Conservation Committee Rep: Ed Jalbert

Ann Miller

Public: James Arisman

Minutes Approved from June meeting.

Ann Miller gave an update on Conservation commission activities and update. Sunday, August 28th members of the Middlesex Conservation will walk the forest with members of Marshfield Conservation Committee. The Conservation Committee have extended the invitation the Forest committee.

Rich and Jenny gave an update of the condition of the trails. Rich, Ellen, and Ed will meet at 1:00 pm to work on trails. Discussion on walking the open spaces and make a plan on how to keep them open.

Rich suggested to document volunteer hours. Sarah will keep track of hours asking that those who volunteer email Sarah with dates and hours. Michael suggested keeping track of usage. Rich used Martin Bridge sign in book as an example. Ellen will look into a water proof sign in book.

Rich suggested that we have a file drawer at OSC where all documents are kept, ie: management plan.

Update on Beavers and culverts. Two culverts were added.

Discussion whether a Beaver fence is needed. There has been a recommendation from the conservation commission. Currently this is not an issue because there is no water. Ed will bring up the investment of a fence with the Conservation Committee.

Rich suggested that the committee look into creating By Laws and pass a resolution to determine terms of Chair and Secretary.

Motion was made for 2 year term for Chair and Secretary. Motion passed.

Work list review:

Bike trail proposal. Existing approved trails have been partially built. There is a new proposal to build a new trail near the Thompson Rd.

Rich suggested that next meeting the committee come up with a priority timeline for work list.

Parking lot improvement on Jake Martin Rd. was discussed. Currently no decision were made. Jenny suggested that we ask Dan Tatro to come up with an estimate of cost to create a parking lot other than at Kate Smith's.

Thompson rd needs improvement. There are significant water issues.

Map update

Brief review of rest of work list items

Create budget by October 2016

Suggestions for August agenda: Work List priority and plan  
Logging recommendations