

Marshfield Conservation Commission

68th Meeting

29th February, 2012

(March meeting held a week early to plan Town Meeting display)

Members Attending: Tony Mayhew, Mike Zahner, Brett Engstrom, Annie Reed, Steve Fiske, Ed Jalbert, and Bob Popp.

Review of Minutes: February 1st_minutes accepted as presented. Approved unanimously.

Financial Report: No Change from previous month.

Stranahan Town Forest

- Ed reported that the logging looks real good with minimal damage to the trails
- Brett echoed this sentiment
- Russ Barrett, County Forester, also thought they did a good job.
- Ed did some sample plots in the logged stands and most retained over 100 sq ft basal area. Still a fair number of non maples in the stand.
- Still some hardwood butt ends at the landing which need to be removed.
- Suggestion was made that the Stranahan Stewardship Committee consider asking the Selectboard to set aside proceeds after what is necessary to cover taxes for maintenance of road, trails, boundaries, etc.
- **Brett** will submit notice in Field Notes about a Mother's Day field trip to STF.

NOTE: subsequent to the meeting it was decided via email to co-sponsor this trip with the Jaquith Library. Bob will also lead a bird walk at STF on Sat, May 19th at 8:30 also co-sponsored by Jaquith Library as decided by informal vote by MCC at Town Meeting

Town Natural History Project;

- Adelaide Tyrol and Susan Abbott have done the illustrations
- All narratives are completed except one
- Sarah will have a display for Town Meeting

Green Up

- Tony and Pat will organize Green Up Day, but need help from the rest of the members.

Spring Plant Sale:

- Brochure will be available for Town Meeting

Town Plan Discussion

- Bob mentioned that Jon Groveman attended the SB hearing and they accepted all changes that we suggested.

Town Meeting:

- Invasives: Ed and Bob will gather more handouts for the display
- Steve will have a copy of the Water Quality Report
- Town History Table of Contents and Map
- Big map of the town
- Draft Winooski Basin Mgt Plan
- Set up at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, Town Meeting Day.

Other Business:

- Steve mentioned that the Winooski Basin Draft Management Plan is available. He also noted that public hearings have been held in both Essex and Montpelier.
- Steve suggested that we could sponsor one here if there interest.
- **Steve** will contact Gary Gulka to assess Cabot's interest
- **Bob** will contact Sara Alpert to assess Plainfield interest.
- **Note:** subsequent to the meeting both Plainfield and Cabot expressed interest in such a meeting. Karen Bates, Winooski Watershed Coordinator, will discuss the draft plan on **Wed. April 18th at 7 at Old Schoolhouse Common**

NOTE: Subsequent to the meeting Bob contacted Jim Barlow of VT. League of Cities & Towns. Unfortunately, Jim does not cover this area, but gave Bob the name of another VLCT staff person to contact. Jim felt fairly certain that Bob and Ed would be covered for herbicide application on any town lands.

Submitted by:

Submitted On: March 17, 2012

Bob Popp

Approved On: _____