

Marshfield Conservation Commission

74th Meeting

5 Sept, 2012

Members Attending: Annie Reed, Michael Zahner, Sara Norton, Ed Jalbert, Tony Mayhew, Allen Banbury, and Bob Popp

Field Visit to Beaver Meadow Rd with Anne Smith, Friends of Winooski (FoW)

- Members viewed proposed culvert retrofit
- We need to provide a recommendation in support of modifying two culverts to the SB and Road Foreman. There would be no town expenditures involved, only in kind support.
- Culvert improvement would allow brook trout passage as well and brown and rainbow trout.
- The improvements at Holt Rd are a lower priority since would need to raise the pool level below the culvert.

Review of Minutes: August minutes accepted with 1 minor change. Approved unanimously.

Financial Report:

- Tony provided a handout covering our finances
- He noted one discrepancy where apparently \$1,000 was removed from the Designated Fund. He had requested that \$850 be removed from the Designated Fund and the other \$150 from the Operating Fund.
- **Tony** will check into this.

Removal of Marshfield Dam:

- The dam has been removed with resulting siltation downstream, but apparently not excessive.

VLT's Proposal to conserve Evergreen Property:

- **Brett** will draft a letter and provide it to the MCC

Motion: To approve the drafting of a letter of support. Motion approved unanimously

- **Mike** will sign and submit the letter to the Select Bd.

Winooski Headwaters Ecosystem Restoration Grant:

- Steve has drafted a letter of support which Mike signed and submitted.

Stranahan Town Forest:

- Ed mentioned that Diana Batzel replaced Angela Gibbons on the Stewardship Committee
- The MCC members approved of the previous logging which raised ca. \$6,000 for the General Fund. Sugaring lease raised ca.\$1,500 and haying lease ca. \$6 to 900.
- Some members are concerned with the amount of additional logging being proposed and want to know how much the property taxes would have been. Logging is being proposed in stands 23 & 24 for next winter.
- Possibly could put in a parking area at the log landing on Jake Martin Rd once logging is completed.
- MCC members would like to establish a dedicated fund for use on STF for trail and road maintenance, boundary markers, printing trail maps, and other approved uses.
- Members thought that the Stewardship Committee should propose it to the SB, but we would be supportive.

Town Natural History Book:

- Annie purchased 6 stands and created signs. She has ordered additional stands
- Displays have been placed at Jaquith and Cutler libraries, Marshfield and Plainfield Town Offices, Marshfield Inn, and Hollister Hill B&B
- Once stands are available displays will be placed at: Pie in the Sky, (Annie), Plainfield Coop (Bob), and Goddard (Sara).
- Other possible locations: Blinking Light gallery, Cabot Town Office, Cabot Library, Cabot Creamery, Historical Soc.

Submitted By: _____

Bob Popp

Submitted On: 30 Sept, 2012

Approved On: 3 Oct 2012

