

Marshfield Conservation Commission

75 th Meeting

3 Oct, 2012

Members Attending: Annie Reed, Michael Zahner, Tony Mayhew, Allen Banbury, and Bob Popp

Review of Minutes: Both September and June minutes accepted as amended. Approved unanimously.

Financial Report:

- Tony met with Bobbi re. our finances, and apparently there is no discrepancy between their figures.
- Tony provided a handout covering our finances.

Culvert Replacements:

- **Allen** will follow up with Ann Smith (Friends of the Winooksi) re. the timing of the letter of support and the proposed work on the culverts.

Town Natural History Report:

- Annie obtained additional plexiglass stands for displaying the book. They are stored in the MCC cabinet.
- Sales have been going well; one box of the books is almost gone.

Conservation of Evergreen Property by VLT

- Mike discussed the Evergreen Property (includes Hardwood Mt.) and six other parcels proposed for a Forest Legacy Easement by VLT.
- The Evergreen Property, ca. 2185 ac., shares a 4 mile boundary with Groton St. Forest.
- All of the properties are presently in Current Use so the easement would be cost neutral to the town and logging activities would continue. VLT would assume the stewardship burden.

Stranahan Town Forest Plan:

- **Bob** will contact John Warshow to arrange a joint meeting with the Stranahan Stewardship Committee (SSC), Select Bd (SB), and MCC re. the level of proposed cutting and the establishment of a dedicated fund for proceeds from the property.

- **Note:** subsequent to the meeting Bob spoke with John and determined that a meeting already occurred between the SSC and SB. It was agreed that logging would continue next winter (2013-14) according to the approved management plan. Moreover, it was agreed to establish a dedicated fund for use on the Stranahan Property although no details were available.

Marshfield Town Plan:

- **Mike** will request a current draft of the town plan

Other Business:

- VT. Trails Symposium on Oct 20th and VYCC Monitor Barn
- Stranahan Trails Committee will begin trail maintenance activities on Tuesdays at 1 PM. Parking area on Hollister Hill Rd will be the meeting place unless otherwise noted

Submitted By: _____

Bob Popp

Submitted On: 21 Oct 2012

Approved On: _____