

Marshfield Conservation Commission

105th Meeting

2 Nov 2016

Members Attending: Allen Banbury, Anne Miller, Sara Norton, Bob Popp, Steve Fiske, and Annie Reed (Chair)

Nonmembers Attending: Rachel Rudi

Minutes: August minutes approved as presented

Treasurers Report: Allen presented the report

- We spent \$100 since last month: 50 for Natural Marshfield speaker and \$50 for AVCC membership

Natural Marshfield special event report

- David Montgomery and his wife. Anne Biklee spoke at Goddard
- They spoke about soil and human microbial fauna and flora
- Anne solicited suggestion for subsequent speakers.
 - Geology
 - Forest History
 - Ecological success stories

Municipal Planning Grant

- Bob discussed his meeting with the Select Bd. They were supportive of our submission and agreed to provide half the match (up to \$3,000).
- We decided to pass on applying this year since we would not receive credit for a village center, nor we would receive bonus points for directly addressing the theme of walkable downtowns.
- **Bob** offered to continue work on the grant in anticipation of applying next year; however, any proposal would need to be tweaked to address next year's theme. The MCC would need signoffs from both the Select Bd & Planning Commission in order to apply.
- Bob also mentioned Watershed grant which could apply for concurrently. It is due Nov 30th and has a number of categories, but those relevant to us cap at \$3,500.
- Annie mentioned Jens' presentation and **Bob** agreed to follow up with him.

Note: Bob spoke with Jens following the meeting. There was a Municipal Education Grant more geared to Planning Commissions, but apparently it has been terminated. Jens agreed it was best to complete the natural areas inventory prior to revising town plan or zoning districts.

Membership:

- Rachel Rudi is interested in being on the committee
- Members introduced themselves.
- Rachel grew up in Marshfield and recently returned to the area. Has a background in sociology. She is interested in learning more about the natural environment

Stranahan Town Forest

- Ed was unable to attend the last SSC meeting and Anne missed it because date was changed. We need to be kept informed of changes in date.
- Apparently the bike path was not discussed.

AVCC Conference:

- No report as apparently no members attended.

Booklet sales

- Annie removed booklets from Plainfield Coop

New Business:

- Allen inquired about the “fuzzy butt” aphid which can be abundant on warm fall days.

Submitted By: Bob Popp

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Approved On: _____