

Marshfield Conservation Commission

85th Meeting

February 4, 2015

Members Attending: Tony Mayhew, Anne Miller, Annie Reed, Bob Popp, Ed Jalbert, Steve Fiske, and Mike Zahner

Non-members Attending: Rich Phillips representing the Energy Committee

Minutes: November Minutes approved with spelling changes.

Treasurers Report: No change from last meeting: total of \$6,285 in dedicated fund. We just received our annual allotment of \$300 from the Town.

Energy Committee:

- Have done a number of projects around town but feel they have neglected education aspect. Have promoted energy savings as a cost measure.
- Ca. 90 energy visits, also a number of energy audits and home improvements out of ca. 600 houses since 2009. Have 33+ houses in town with solar
- Having difficulty getting folks to add insulation and remodel for energy efficiency. Aim at ca. 40,000 btu per cubic ft. but many houses exceed this
- Want to work jointly with MCC, Jaquith Library, & Planning Commission to brainstorm ways of informing and motivating folks to make changes such as heat pump house heaters. Many models may not work in VT so need to get a heater specifically designed for cold temps.
- Rich will get back to us after the 19th after he meets with the other committees.
- Members expressed interest in participating in a joint meeting to brainstorm.

Tree and Shrub Sale

- Subcommittee met and selected the species for the tree and shrub sale.
- Allen presented a spreadsheet showing costs & anticipated profits for members to comment
- Steve suggested that MCC order some plants to place at Old Schoolhouse

Motion to appropriate funds necessary to obtain sale inventory. Passed unanimously

Other Business:

- Annie asked about term expiration; Bob will include in minutes

Note: subsequent to the meeting Bob determined that both Annie and Ed's terms expire. They should inform the Select Bd of their intentions of remaining on the committee.

- Planning for town meeting
 - **Annie, Ed, & Tony** will help set up; meet at 8 AM
 - **Bob** will get invasive information

- **Steve** will have water quality info
- Will have a display with Natural History books
- Annie urged folks to check on status of Nat History Books at various venues.
- Mike announced his resignation, but would like to remain involved with special projects. The members all thanked him for his involvement.

Planning Commission Brochure:

- Bob and Mike presented their drafts
- Bob requested feedback on whether to include a map rather than a detailed protocol on how to access the Natural Resource Atlas
- His thought is to focus on content not format but some others disagreed
- Suggestion to present what we have to the Planning Commission and get their feedback
- Folks were interested in pursuing something along the lines of the Calais map on their website
- **Bob** will look into the map and also get on touch with the PC

Stranahan Town Forest:

- Stranahan Stewardship Com (SSC) will ask the Select Bd to accept bids on the logging contract; may go out a full year so could log for 2 mos. this year and pick up again next year when ground is frozen.
- SSC will begin working on revising the Management Plan. Ed will begin to recrusie the parcel after snow is gone.
- This would also be an opportunity to remap the wetlands to include all Class 3.

Submitted By: Bob Popp

Submitted On: 5 February 2015

Approved On: _____

The foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the February 4, 2015 Conservation Commission Meeting.

Attest, _____, Town Clerk
