

Marshfield Conservation Commission

100th Meeting

2016

Members Attending: Taber Allison, Allen Banbury, Anne Miller, Bob Popp, Annie Reed (Chair)

Members noted their 100th meeting and enjoyed treats courtesy of Annie.

Minutes: May minutes approved with one spelling correction.

Treasurer's Report: Allen distributed a treasurer's report which indicates a total of \$7,860 in the Conservation Fund

Jens Hilke Visit

- Decided to invite Jens to address a joint meeting of Conservation Commission to coincide with our meeting.
- Either July Aug or Sept.
- **Annie** will provide dates to Sarah to contact Jens

Invasives Mapping:

- Annie asked that members adopt a section of the town to map the invasives that are present
- Species would include the following: wild chervil (*Anthriscus sylvestris*) and Morrow's honeysuckle (*Lonicera morrowii*) which are both already in flower. Also wild parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa*), purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*), goutweed (*Aegopodium podagraria*), garden heliotrope (*Valeriana officinalis*), and common reed (*Phragmites australis*)
- **Anne:** Ennis Hill, Brook Rd, Cree Farm, Johnson Rd, Creamery St.
- **Allen:** Laird Pond, Jerusalem Rd
- **Bob:** Maple Hill including Pidgeon Pond & Hardwood Mt Rds.
- **Taber:** Hollister Hill, Calais Rd, Pike Rd, Beaver Meadow (N of Beaver Meadow), Pitkin Rd
- **Annie:** Hollister Hill south of Beaver Meadow, Eaton Cemetery
- **Sarah:** John Fowler Rd
- **Steve:** Depot Rds.
- Annie will provide maps of town roads for us to annotate. Note subsequent to the meeting it was decided that **Bob** would provide individual maps to each member.
- **Anne** will call the road foreman, Danny and ask them to mow early

Beaver Baffles:

- State person installing baffles is new hired and hasn't been trained.
- Annie reiterated that she & the conservation commission are available to help the town road crew.

Planning Commission:

- Annie, Sarah, and Bob attended the first forum.
- The PC is interested in revising the Zoning districts but not until Town meeting of 2018.
- Second forum is scheduled for **Thursday, June 16th**

Plant Sale:

- Very successful with near record number of orders.
- Netted about \$988.

Natural Marshfield:

- Anne concerned that attendance has dwindled, possibly because of change of day from Tues to Thurs
- Will take summer off except for butterfly presentation in August and then decide in the fall whether to continue on a different day.

Stranahan Town Forest:

- The new committee had been named, but unknown when they will convene
- Since there is no MCC member on the committee, we discussed sending a designee to each meeting as liaison, but no decision was made.

Martin Covered Bridge:

- FoW have hired VYCC crew to put protection around the smaller trees to protect from beaver
- Cabot creamery will purchase the materials.
- Working on far side upstream of bridge.
- We still need to protect the larger trees which is probably best done by painting them with latex paint with sand.

Five Year Plan:

- Need to determine the theme for this year Municipal Planning Grant and whether worth pursuing without village center designation
- **Bob** will discuss pursuing the designation with Jon Groveman once the theme is available
- Annie, Taber, & Bob will convene to discuss a grant once theme is available.

Attendance:

- Need to determine whether to follow bylaws about missing 3 meetings.
- Should be allowance for activities outside of meetings
- Allen will check bylaws
- **Annie** will contact Jess to determine her interest in remaining on the committee.

Other Business:

- Anne suggested reciprocating with Middlesex CC to visit the Stranahan, but decided best to wait till SSC reconvenes.

Citizen Science:

- If join Fairbanks Museum community of observers using one Id we'll be able to extract our data.
- Taber will establish an account and password and let us all know.

Submitted by : Bob Popp

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Accepted on: _____