

Marshfield Conservation Commission
136th Meeting
Meeting of 4 December 2019

Members Present: Taber Allison, Allen Banbury, Anne Miller, Sara Norton, Bob Popp, Annie Reed, and Rachel Rudi

Minutes: October minutes. Approved as presented. Note there was no November meeting.

Treasurers Report None provided

Meeting with Select Board;

- Rep from Winooski Natural Resource Conservation District attended SB meeting to discuss funding for a town ash inventory
- Annie, Anne, Taber, and Bob attended
- Two grants available: one for inventory and one for implementing a plan. Would need to complete the inventory before being eligible for the 2nd grant.
- We can apply by ourselves, skip the grant or partner with other towns on an inventory.
- Decided that we don't need funding except for making maps, etc. We could do the inventory ourselves.
- If partner, then we'd participate in trainings to develop a uniform protocol.
- Inventory grant range from \$1000 to 5,000 with equal amount or required match.
- Decided to either partner with adjacent towns on a grant or possibly do the inventory ourselves. Will decide at meeting with SB on the 17th. Agreed unanimously.
- **Bob** was asked to put Resiliency Report on website.

Natural Marshfield

- Plainfield interested in partnering with us especially having programs on climate change
- Anne wants to do program on agricultural impacts of climate change involving hardiness zones, increases in CO₂, seed saving, nutrition., etc.

Stranahan Stewardship Com

- Discussed having a rotating liaison attend the meetings. Fourth Tues of month at 6 Pm.
- **Anne** will go to next meeting

Bioblitz:

- Still need to get results from Charlie Wanzer

RAMP

- Transportation Com: want to start a hitching post for rides. Will have color coded flags for different destinations.
- Energy Com: \$113,000 available for retrofit upgrades to Twinfield
 - Found vendors to provide low price woods stoves & pellets.
- Farm and Food: previous chairs have left town for winter so now need to reorganize
- Town Revitalization Com has split into two groups based on Plainfield or Marshfield

Long term Plan:

- Consider acquiring easements on land in town but the current parcel of interest has been sold.

Friends of Winooski

- Want to do a planting at Martin Covered Bridge. Looking for input from our commission. Members are supportive but want to vet the list.

Note: subsequent to the meeting FoW provided a list that a number of members agreed was appropriate. The plantings will be discussed with the SB at their meeting on the 17th.

Tree and Shrub Sale:

- Anne willing to continue organizing the sale
- Uncertain whether Plainfield will participate.

Other Business/Announcements:

- Christmas Bird Count on Dec 14th
- SB Meeting on Dec 17th @ 6
- Next Meeting on Jan 8th. First Weds is New Yrs Day.

Submitted by: Bob Popp

Submitted on: 10 Dec 2019

Approved: _____

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