

Marshfield Conservation Commission

119th Meeting

4 April 2018

Members Attending: Steve Fiske, Anne Miller, Annie Reed (chair), Ed Jalbert, and Sara Norton

Minutes: March minutes approved unanimously as amended.

Treasurers Report: No update.

Update on Pamphlet: Sara

- Sara presented the final draft, all approved as is.
- Approved spending up to \$150 from operating fund for printing on off white paper.
- Send thank you notes to Adelaide Tyrol for illustrations and Tracey J Hambleton for design.
- Also thank you to Sarah for her wonderful idea, and effort editing and overseeing this project.

Natural Marshfield: Anne

- Tom Wessels presentation May 3rd 7pm at Goddard is on track, but we are short about \$500. Anne is looking for grant money to cover cost.
- Joe Roman from Gund Inst will now be joined by Kim Royar Vt F&W talk on Economics of Conservation April 11th at OSC.
- Considering presentation on Emerald Ash Borer for June possibly Trish Hanson entomologist from VT Dept of FPR

Plant sale and riparian planting: Anne,

- Plant sale orders end this Friday April 6th.
- April 27 Packing orders 4 till finish: Allan, Anne, Ed
- April 28 Distribution 9-11: Steve, Taber, Anne, Allen
- Steve is organizing Riparian Planting at OSC grounds April 29 rain date 30 Steve, Ed, Rachel, and Allen?

Stranahan Update : Ed

- How to protect pocket wetlands from logging impacts was discussed. Land trust was invited to weigh in on this issue.
- Results from the user poll will be collated and presented in May
- There will be concerted effort to mow and brush hog open fields this summer. The Conservation commission recommends this be done late summer August at earliest.

Act 171 update: Steve

- Presented four maps to forward to Planning Commission to allow planning commission with help from conservation commission to finalize a map showing large forested blocks and wildlife corridors as required by Act 171 for town plan approval by CVRPC.
- One map showed very high priority, high priority forested blocks, very high priority wildlife riparian corridors, wildlife road crossing and very high priority landscape scale features.
- A second map overlaid this first map with UVA and conserved land in Marshfield.
- Third map is an ortho photo of Marshfield
- Fourth map CVRPC Act 171 showing very high priority forested blocks in Washington County.
- Using these maps the planning commission with conservation commission help should be able to put a map together to meet Act 171 mapping requirements. Using orthophotos we could recommend enlarging riparian corridors to west of town with adjacent forested blocks.
- It is also important to better present and identify wildlife crossings especially on paved roads, Route 2, 232, and 215.
- Steve and Bob will present the maps along with summary written by Bob explaining Act 171 requirements to planning commission for their April 5th meeting.
- Maps will also be useful in assessing any proposed zoning changes in future.
- Energy Committee should also find these maps useful.
- Maps will be left in meeting room for all to access.
- Other conservation efforts along roads discussed ... slowing traffic, vegetative screens.

Announcements and other business :

- Drew McNaughton will be running Green Up day May 5th?
- Annie looking to organize field trip with Plainfield CC to look at infested trees.
- Steve will be attending the CVRPC meetings on the Upper Winooski Forest Flood Resilience grant project in April and report back to cc in May.

Submitted by: Steve Fiske

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Accepted on: 2 May 2018