Marshfield Conservation Commission
132nd Meeting
Meeting of 10 July 2019

Members Present: Taber Allison, Allen Banbury, Steve Fiske, Anne Miller, Annie Reed

Minutes: Approved with minor corrections

Treasurers Report – None provided.

MCC Retreat Discussion

- **Annie** will distribute the agenda from the last retreat to members.
- Brief review of progress on Dec 2015 prioritized projects
    - Ann talked about our progress on the Marshfield Invasives project
    - Taber reviewed his plant phenology data collection, mostly focused around his property
    - Steve talked about planting progress at Martin Covered Bridge

Letter to Planning Commission

- Annie will sign the letter on behalf of the Conservation Commission
- Jonathan Williams, Chair of the Planning Commission wants to set up a table at the Summer Concert series for Marshfield residents to view proposed changes and ask any questions

Maple Sugaring Follow-Up

- **Steve** will communicate with MCC members and Forest Farmers, Inc. and associates to schedule further discussion, including another field trip to the operation

RAMP: Model Communities

- Four meetings to date
- Focus groups are coming up with four activities that they want to pursue
- Energy Task Force Focus Group is meeting at July 17th downstairs in Community Center gym

Natural Marshfield

- 7 pm, July 24th, Snake worm presentation (UVM professor) in Jaquith Library
- Michael Sabarin, 7 pm, August 28th will talk about ticks

Marshfield Invasives

- Beaver Meadow Phragmites: flattening remains a mystery

- Taber re-sent instructions for using iNaturalist for storing results of surveys in a map-based format
- Question and discussion about various invasives; new invasive, Garlic Mustard, observed for the first time in Marshfield on Beaver Meadow

Stream Reclassification

- Discussion of letter drafted by Steve before sending to ANR
- Letter was approved by unanimous vote
- Multiple Conservation Commissions in Vermont are expressing similar concerns as the MCC expressed in its letter

Announcements

- Marshfield Nature booklets have been reprinted!
- Marshfield Library is one of eight libraries in the country selected to participate in a study of how rural libraries can serve their communities. Susan, our librarian will be interviewed to discuss how she and others have made the Jaquith and integral part of the Marshfield community. Lessons learned will be compiled and distributed to rural libraries across the country. Congratulations, Susan!!

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