

Marshfield Conservation Commission

71st Meeting

6 June, 2012

Members Attending: Tony Mayhew, Annie Reed, Sarah Norton, Allen Banbury, Brett Engstrom, Michael Zahner, Steve Fiske, and Bob Popp

Review of Minutes: May minutes accepted with minor changes. Approved unanimously.

Financial Report: Balance of \$4,184.71 in the dedicated fund and \$300 in the operating fund. The \$100 increase due to a contribution from Vivian and Mike Fritz.

Spring Plant Sale:

- Allen not certain of the final amount is, but he thought it was relatively successful.
- Following material still available: Members decided to plant around the Old Schoolhouse Common. Steve will do this Sat AM
 - 7 Red Osier Dogwood - in tubes
 - 3 Highbush Cranberry – bare root
 - Few Lilacs – bare root

Green Up Day:

- Tony reported that collected about 60 garbage bags about the same as last year although there was more trash this year and fewer tires and larger items.
- Pat Mayhew wrote thank you notes to all the sponsors.
- The members all thanked Tony and Pat for organizing this effort and for helping make it a successful event.

Stranahan Town Forest:

- May need to amend the easement to accommodate the sugar house placed along the Jake Martin Rd. This may not be allowed by the current easement although it is recognized that the sugar house is an agricultural use that is now standard practice.
- Some members expressed concern about the cutting proposed for next year. They are not opposed to logging, but thought it was too soon after the cutting last year. Although he was not present, Ed apparently agrees with cutting this stand soon since it is becoming overmature.

- Members recommended that the Stranahan Stewardship Committee consider using some of the revenue from the proposed sale to fix the Thompson Rd.
- Angela Gibbons resigned her position so there is a vacancy on the Stewardship Committee.
- Members agreed that Ed has done a great job overseeing the logging and expressed thanks for his efforts.

Town Natural History Project:

- The completed booklet has recently been sent to the printers
- Estimated cost of printing 500 copies is \$1,000. Propose using \$850 from the conservation fund (includes the \$500 grant that Sarah received) and \$150 from the operating fund.
- Discussed charging a \$2 fee for the book, but some members thought it should be a “suggested donation” instead. Question arose over whether other venues (Coop, Tim’s, etc.) would be willing to keep track of donations. There was also a question as to whether we would need to charge sales tax.
- Members brainstormed to come up with about 50 complementary copies to be provided to contributors, libraries, adjacent towns, etc.
- Need to appoint a person or group to handle distribution and publicity for the publication. Will discuss next meeting.

Other Business:

- Brett mentioned that there were 27 participants on his wildflower walk
- Bob had 15 participants on his bird walk the following the week.

Next Meeting: **June 11th**

Note: this is the 2nd Wed since the 4th is a holiday.

Submitted By: _____

Bob Popp

Submitted On: 9 June 2012

Approved On: _____