

Marshfield Conservation Commission
Minutes
Meeting of 5 September 2018

Members Present: Taber Allison, Steve Fiske, Anne Miller, Sarah Norton (1/2 half only), Bob Popp, and Rachel Rudi

Approval of Minutes August minutes approved unanimously as presented
Request made to Bob to bring a hardcopy of previous month's minutes to meetings.

Treasurers Report: Approved as presented but did not reflect expenses for pamphlet printing.

Sugaring Operation:

- Woods tour on **Sat Oct 13th. Meet at OSC at 8:30.** Field trip focused on watershed issues. Steve will work with RPC to organize the trip. Will invite the County Forester and coordinate with Jon Groveman.
- Some members thought the focus should be on sugaring not hydrology.
- The current management plan is apparently available through Dept of Forest Parks and Recreation.
- Steve and Tabor drafted a potential monitoring plan for the operation. They want to establish survey areas in tapped vs. untapped areas.
- Suggestion to approach UMV and/or Forest Ecosystem Monitoring Coop for assistance.
- Anne suggested having a meeting of interested parties.
- Suggestion to check the current management plan for right to access and any restrictions on creating monocultures.
- Suggestion to also set up a meeting with Mike Farrell after the field trip.

Wildlife Pamphlet:

- Printed an additional 500 copies, 150 of which were for Plainfield. They covered the cost for those. Our charge was \$84.21.
- **Sarah and Rachel** will meet with Tracey to design a digital version.

Stranahan Town Forest:

- Workday Sept 8th at 9Am to work on Thompson Rd

Natural Marshfield:

- Sept 26th at 7 PM 2nd part of NOVA series on Climate Change
- Suggestion to invite Mike Farrell, the owner of the sugaring operation, to give a presentation.

Winooski River Water Quality

- One more monitoring date remaining. Should be completed by end of Sept.
- Sampling occurred following 2 rain events and 2 "dry flows" for both nutrient levels and turbidity.

Marshfield Dam:

- Town is a party to GMP's CUD to install an inflatable bladder that will be controlled remotely and also for work to occur on the generators.

OSC Plantings:

- Apple trees are doing well, but need maintenance. Steve is soliciting help.

Resilient Rights of Way Committee:

- Chaired by Rick Baker. Annie is member representing MCC; Bob is alternate.
- Vermont Forests, Parks and Recreation staff will facilitate a **field walk** that outlines on-the-ground management techniques recommended for a specific road segment within the town. This may include marking of trees to be preserved or cut within the right-of-way, and/or location of potential locations for forest regeneration or planting. They chose 4 road segments for this.

Route 1 – Approx. 9 miles

Calais Road – Hollister Hill Road to Route 2 – Eaton Cemetery Road to Rte 2

Route 2 – Approx. 5 miles

Brook Road – west on Ducharme Road – Ennis Hill Road

Route 3 – Approx. 4 miles

Lower Depot Road – Bennis Farm Road – Bailey Pond Road – Bean Road – Upper Depot Road

Route 4 – Approx. 7 miles

John Fowler Road – Maple Hill Road – Holt Road – Laird Pond Road – Nasmith Brook Road

- FPR staff also requested the following from the Cons. Com
 - Access to the maps that Marshfield conservation commission members (or other volunteers) made of the invasive plants along town roads.
 - They also like to know when the work was completed.
 - Wanted to know if the conservation commission ever hold any workshops for the town road crew regarding invasive plant identification skills.

Submitted On: 2 October 2018

Approved On: 5 December 2018

Submitted By: Bob Popp