

Marshfield Conservation Commission

92nd Meeting

September 2, 2015

Members Attending: Taber Allison, Allen Banbury, Tony Mayhew, Anne Miller, Annie Reed (Chair), and Bob Popp

Minutes: July and August minutes approved unanimously with minor corrections

Treasurers Report: Same as last month

- Annie requested that we all check our book sales
- That would include **Bob, Allen, Annie**

ROW Spraying:

Selectboard and Stewardship Committee supported our recommendation to not allow herbicide application.

Project Selection:

- Tony is interested in a phenology study. Folks mentioned that George Springston has a database.
- Taber interested in organizing a “Biodiversity Day” in Marshfld/Planfld
 - Experts might include Leif Richardson, Michael Sabourin, & Steve Fiske for insects. Ed Latourneau for tracking, birds. Tovar Cerulli for tracking. Barbara Bohn has herbarium from Flora of Marshfield.
- Have a retreat in late fall/winter (Nov-Jan) to select a project on which to focus

Stranahan Update:

- Trail maintenance Thursday at 6:15 at Kate Smith’s lot
- Work has begun on the mountain bike trail.
- No word on Management Plan Update

Natural Marshfield Series.

- **Thursday Sept 17th @ 7 at Jaquith** led by Fletcher Dean followed by **field trip at 10 on Sat, 19th** at Hollister Hill Parking Lot

Other Topics:

- Possibly get Sue Morse for tracking, perhaps jointly with Plainfld library
- Vernal Pools: Annie Reed
- Climate Change: Roger Hill
- Rare Flora: Bob Popp

- Invasives: Rose Paul
- Links between diseases (ALS) and arsenic/radon in water

Other Business:

- Allen went to hearing concerning Cabot spraying “polished permeate” on fields which is rinse water from their pipes mixed with liquid from whey. Use both nitric and phosphoric acid to clean the pipes. Fields need to be approved by ANR. Apparently there is a concern about limited state monitoring of approved fields.
- **Climate Change symposium next Tuesday, the 8th** at St Mikes College in Colchester. Call Sara for more details.

The foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the September 2, 2015 Conservation Commission Meeting.

Attest, _____, Town Clerk
