

Town of Carlisle
Conservation Restriction Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting January 17, 2023

In attendance: Members Rick Oches (Chair), Marc Lamere, Nancy Cowan, Jeannie Geneczko, Brian Murphy, and Ken Harte. Sylvia Willard, Conservation Commission Administrator, also attended in person. Christina Christodouloupoulos attended to discuss item 4f on the agenda.

1. Open Meeting

2. Minutes of November 30, 2022

The Committee reviewed the minutes of November 30, 2022. After one edit, the minutes were accepted as written.

3. Old Business

a. CR#70 update

The committee discussed how CCF might respond to the Commonwealth regarding the need to update their bylaws in order to hold CRs. Rick reported that CCF is committed to reviewing and amending the bylaws, but do not want to rush the process. In order not to hold up the approval process, CCF would like to send a letter to the state explaining their plan and including the language that will be added to their articles of incorporation to address the issue. Ken will draft a paragraph and send it to Rick.

b. CR#59 draft report

The draft report is not yet ready. This agenda item will be moved to the next meeting.

c. CR#64 draft report

A few changes to the draft report were suggested and a revised version will be reviewed at the next meeting.

d. CR#1+34 monitoring visit recap

There was general discussion regarding the visit, and a draft report will be reviewed at the next meeting. Rick noted that after looking at an overlay of the CR plan on aerial imagery, it seems likely that items are being stored outside the building envelope.

4. New Business

a. January & February inspections

No inspections were scheduled for January and February. Instead, it was agreed that at the next meeting we will look at the list of CRs and set up a rough schedule for the year. CR33 is one that

is due for an inspection, but it has a lot of abutters and takes significant preparation. Brian said he would apprentice with Marc on this one. Given the necessary lead time and the conditions, it was suggested that September/October would be a good time for the inspection.

b. Inspection report creation – maps & photos

There was general discussion of how inspection reports are created, and the significant contribution that Marc makes to almost all of them by providing photos and the route map which is very time consuming. A number of ideas were offered as possibilities to make the process more efficient including the use of a phone app to capture the route taken as well as photos along the way. Marc will do some research and report back.

c. CR65 access easement

There is an unmarked access easement that serves lot 6. Given the landowner's history of violations, it would be prudent to get the access easement marked on the ground as soon as possible to help ensure there is no obstruction in the future.

d. Master Planning task for CRAC (Ryan McLane)

Only one task from the master plan implementation has been assigned to CRAC. It concerns outreach so Rick will give Ryan McLane examples of the existing ways we go about that.

e. Town newsletter request for committee activities (Aubrey Thomas)

Aubrey Thomas has asked town committees to submit news for the new town newsletter she is producing monthly. Jeannie thinks we could write something after the Earth Day event. It was suggested that CR70 could be promoted once it is finalized, but Ken thought it would be better not to draw too much attention to the rookery.

f. Sustainability Committee Earth Day event (Christina Christodouloupoulos)

Christina Christodouloupoulos described the Sustainability Committee's plans for a big Earth Day event. They are hoping to get as many committees, individuals, and organizations as possible to present information and showcase sustainability efforts. Rick, Brian, Jeannie, and Nancy all volunteered to be there. The event is on April 22nd from 10am-2pm. Rick wondered if we might be able to set up our table near an existing CR. Clark Farm has one and so does Clark Farm Market. Christina thought the committee might need to know what we plan to do by the beginning of March.

g. Additional new business?

Rick was asked about the status of a CR to be held by CCF on the Woodward land. Initially CCF thought someone had done a draft of the CR, but it turned out they were thinking of the two small lots adjacent to the Woodward land. The CR has been completed for those lots. CCF needs to find someone to draft the CR for this piece. They will talk about it at their meeting tomorrow.

Rick received an email today asking for Annual Reports from Town Committees. Nancy will send Rick examples of past reports.

Next Meeting:

March 1, 2023 @ 7:30 PM

Adjourned:

9:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Cowan

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