

Town of Carlisle
Conservation Restriction Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting of January 19, 2021

In attendance: Members Nancy Cowan (Chair), Madeleine Blake, Tom Brownrigg, Ken Harte, Marc Lamere, and Rick Oches. Sylvia Willard, Conservation Commission Administrator, also attended. The meeting was held via Zoom teleconference due to the Covid-19 pandemic, with all participants at home. Chair Nancy Cowan called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Guest: Nick Ognibene

Old Business:

1. Minutes of December 15 meeting

The Committee reviewed the minutes of December 15, 2020. On a motion by Marc, seconded by Nancy, the minutes were approved as amended.

2. CR#30 Monitoring Report

Nancy sent the revised report prior to the meeting. Marc returned to the site on Jan. 18 and located an iron pipe in the southeast corner of the CR that was previously missed. He said it was near a pine tree with an orange ribbon, about 50 ft. southeast of the boardwalk and 20 ft. east of the trail. This is probably the pipe shown on the plan as a boundary marker, although Marc has not checked the distance of this pipe to another pipe shown on the plan 400 ft. farther west. Marc suggested that this information be included in the report. Nancy will include any new information in the report.

3. CR#3 Monitoring Report

Nancy sent a monitoring report for CR#3 prior to the meeting. The CR was inspected November 22 with the property owner Mary Zoll in attendance. CRAC members found a tree stand in the CR and asked the property owner if she was aware of the stand; she was aware of it. Madeleine suggested mentioning existence of the deer stand in the report, although it was not a violation of the CR.

Tom said that the painted drill holes in rocks shown in photos #7 and #13 are hard to see. Nancy will circle the holes in the photos. A drill hole located in a large boulder on the southeast side of the CR was not found. Nancy will update and resend the report.

New Business:

1. Scheduling of next site visit, possibly CR#27, off Hartwell Rd.

Property owner Nick Ognibene of 211 Hartwell Rd. attended the meeting. He was agreeable to having an inspection of his CR this winter, if conditions are suitable. After discussion, an inspection was scheduled for January 24 at 10 AM, starting at the end of Hartwell Rd. Marc will coordinate the inspection.

2. 2020 Annual Report due March 5

Nancy will write the Annual Report, which will include a list of CRs inspected, CRAC's input to Table 5 of the Open Space & Recreation Report, and the use of Google Drive to store and share CR documents. Sylvia suggested mentioning that the Covid-19 pandemic impacted the ability to conduct inspections.

3. MVP (Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness) Grant process

Madeleine, co-chair of the Planning Board, said that a meeting is scheduled for March 27 for inputs to the MVP grant proposal. The goal is to prepare the town for impacts due to climate change. The meeting will identify priorities and vulnerabilities for grant proposals. Vulnerabilities include natural resources, infrastructure, and people (especially the elderly and children). Natural resources include wildlife habitat and the ability of animals to adapt to climate change. Ken, as coordinator of the Carlisle Christmas Bird Count, offered to contact birders.

Madeleine also suggested contacting nature-focused organizations for suggestions. Nancy will contact Mass Audubon and Rick will contact Carlisle Conservation Foundation. The MVP organizers hope to attract 30-40 people at their meeting. They plan to hire a consultant to guide the grant process. Sylvia said that repair of Greenough Dam may be eligible for grant funding since it protects a large breeding population of Wood Ducks and Hooded Mergansers, and also two state-listed rare species, a turtle and plant.

Next Meeting: February 23, 2021 @ 7:30 PM

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Documents reviewed:

- CR#30 Monitoring Form, inspection conducted November 8, 2020
- CR#3 Monitoring Form, inspection conducted November 22, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Brownrigg

Secretary

Minutes approved: 2/23/21