

Carlisle Conservation Commission
Minutes
May 27, 2021

7:01 p.m. Chair Tatistcheff Introduction to Remote Meeting: Chair Tatistcheff Introduction to Remote Meeting: Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020, Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020, Order concerning imposition on strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting was conducted via remote participation via Zoom with the link provided on the Posted Agenda. No in-person attendance of members of the public was permitted, but every effort was made to ensure that the public could adequately access the proceedings.

Members Present: Lee Tatistcheff (Chair), Angie Verge (Vice Chair), Ken Belitz, Helen Young, Alex Parra, Navneet Hundal
Members Absent: Dan Wells
Conservation Staff: Sylvia Willard, Conservation Administrator; Mary Hopkins, Assistant to the Administrator

Interview for Open Position on the Commission - Nick Ognibene: Having been recently appointed to the Land Stewardship Committee by the Commission, Mr. Ognibene provided a brief recap of his background.

Verge encouraged Mr. Ognibene to avail himself of the *Fundamentals for Conservation Commissions* certificate training program offered through the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions. She asked Mr. Ognibene if there were something in particular of interest he wishes to pursue in joining the Commission. Mr. Ognibene said he is very interested in joining the Commission in continuing in their important work in protecting the environment and furthering conservation goals in Carlisle for many years to come.

Tatistcheff said that although the Commission is devastated to be losing Commissioner Verge as of the June 10 meeting, they are excited to be welcoming a new member and thanked Mr. Ognibene for his willingness to serve. On the motion by Young and seconded by Verge, it was VOTED to recommend to the Select Board the appointment of Nick Ognibene to the Commission. Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye; Tatistcheff – aye.

Administrative Matters:

Signatory Authority: On the motion by Verge and seconded by Young, it was VOTED to allow the Administrator to sign documents approved at this meeting on behalf of the Conservation Commission. Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye; Tatistcheff – aye.

Bills Approval: On the motion by Parra and seconded by Verge, it was VOTED to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye; Tatistcheff – aye.

Mowing Agreements - Benfield Conservation Land & Towle Conservation Land: On the motion by Young and seconded by Parra, it was VOTED TO enter into Mowing Agreements with Jack O’Connor for the Benfield and Towle Conservation Lands totaling \$3294, with a term ending October 31, 2021.

Trail Signage COVID-19: On the motion by Young and seconded by Verge, it was VOTED to request that the Trails Committee remove the signage posted last spring outlining COVID-19 safety protocols. Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye; Tatistcheff – aye.

Open Space and Recreation Plan (OS&RP) Tatistcheff said she would entertain a motion to accept the updated OS&RP and to submit a letter of acceptance, with the Commission’s profound gratitude to the OS&RP Committee Chair David Freedman and his committee and with much input from Administrator Willard for so

thoughtfully generating the updated plan. The motion was moved by Verge and seconded by Parra. Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye; Tatistcheff – aye.

Present for the discussion was Mr. Freedman, who noted the Commission held a discussion 2 years ago with Kay Hurley regarding interest in having an on-line Carlisle natural history database. He reported that since that time, a group has convened to work on converting the biota list compiled over the last 7-8 years into an on-line database that can be updated that will be a valuable resource updating the next OS&RP.

7:15 p.m. (DEP 125-1085) Abbreviated Notice of Resource Delineation, Continued Hearing

Applicant: Chris Buono, All Things Real Estate

Project Location: 0 South Street, Map 5 Lots 54 and 56

Project Description: Review of 6,500 feet of Bordering Vegetated Wetland Resource Area delineation

Tatistcheff opened the hearing for DEP 125-1085 under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Carlisle Wetlands Protection Bylaw and requested a motion to continue the hearing to June 10, 2021, at 7:15 at the applicant's request. The motion was moved by Young and seconded by Verge. Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye; Tatistcheff – aye. Willard noted the Applicant has submitted a legal notice for a continued public hearing and has notified abutters for that date.

7:18 p.m. (DOA -368) Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Carlisle Trails Committee, Steve Tobin, chair

Project Location: 812 Maple Street (Greenough Conservation Land)

Project Description: Construct a 34-foot trail bridge over an intermittent stream, removal of a broken-down old outbuilding and removal of invasive knotweed.

Tatistcheff opened the meeting for DOA-368 under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Carlisle Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Trails Committee Chair Steve Tobin presented the plan and photographs via screen share. The proposed project includes relocating a section of the Wood Duck trail from the edge of Greenough Pond, where it seasonally floods, to drier ground. The project is comprised of three parts: (1) construction of a 34-foot-wide trail bridge over a small intermittent stream that flows into Greenough Pond; the trail bridge structure will follow the same construction standards used in other wetland-permitted bridges on trails throughout Carlisle for the last 20 years. This work will be conducted at times of the year when water levels are low to minimize impact. (2) removal of materials from a collapsed farm building next to the relocated trail for safety purposes; (3) mechanical removal of invasive Japanese Knotweed and poison ivy in the relocated trail with maintenance and monitoring for a three-year period; the removal work will encompass a ten-foot corridor for the trail; it is Mr. Tobin's understanding that there is some interest from the Commission in furthering this work in the future.

Mr. Tobin noted that although the Trails Committee is the applicant for this project, the trail bridge construction and the removal of the collapsed building will be undertaken by Eagle Scout candidate Josh Sun. Tatistcheff asked Mr. Sun if he has submitted his plan for removal of the building. Mr. Sun reported he has received approval of his project from the local boy scout authority to build the bridge and to remove the building, estimating a work group of 14-20 people depending on need.

On the motion by Parra and seconded by Young, it was VOTED to issue a Negative Determination, B3: the work described in the Request is within an area subject to protection under the Act, but will not remove, fill, dredge or alter that area. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent. Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye; Tatistcheff – aye.

7:35 p.m. (DEP 125-1087) Request to Amend Order of Conditions

Applicant: Eric Peters

Project Location: 80 Carleton Road

Project Description: Landscape changes including a bluestone patio, rebuilding an existing wall, grass pavers for additional parking, and a pea-stone drip edge around the existing house with work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland

Tatistcheff opened the hearing for DEP 125-1087 under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Carlisle Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Dan Carr of Stamski and McNary presented the plan via screen share. He noted the applicant received an OOC in 2018 to remove a portion of the existing dwelling and to remove some large pine trees that posed a safety hazard to the home. The applicant is now requesting approval to amend the existing OOC to include the proposed work. All proposed work is located within existing cleared areas and utilizing the existing limit of work from the previously approved plan.

Verge asked if the proposed work area is currently lawn. Present for the hearing was Carol Peters, who said the area is essentially bare earth with some weeds, due to recent construction. Verge suggested they consult the Commission's web page where they will find helpful information on planting within jurisdictional areas.

On the motion by Verge and seconded by Parra, it was VOTED to issue an Amended Order of Conditions for DEP 125-1087. Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye; Tatistcheff – aye.

7:40 p.m. (DEP 125-1106) Notice of Intent, Continued Hearing

Applicant: Liuobov Federova

Project Location: 59 Blaisdell Dr., Map 22 Parcel 51 lot 14

Project Description: Construction of a detached garage with a proposed extended driveway connecting the existing driveway to the proposed garage.

Tatistcheff opened the continued hearing for DEP 125-1106 under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Carlisle Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Dan Carr of Stamski and McNary presented the revised plan via screen share, with changes based on discussions at the previous hearing, including: the grade of the driveway has been raised to bring it above the low area which sometimes puddles on the north side of the proposed driveway; trees that are to be removed within the 100' Buffer Zone have been annotated, along with trees that were previously approved to be removed; there are now 16 proposed trees to be planted as mitigation and for water absorption in the low area on the north side of the proposed driveway; the siltation barrier shown merges both proposed and previously approved projects; the infiltration trench has been extended up the side of the proposed garage to allow for greater infiltration capacity.

Tatistcheff noted the revised plan and request letter dated May 25, 2021, was submitted earlier in the day, and reminded him of the Commission's requirement that plan revisions be submitted one week in advance.

Extension Permit: (DEP 125-1045) Construction of an addition to an existing single-family home, including an expanded garage and driveway with work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland; Issued 5/3/2018.

Willard noted this request for an extension has been included on the previous agenda but not voted upon and was then inadvertently dropped from this agenda. She asked the Commission if they wished to vote to take the matter up. Tatistcheff said she was inclined not to vote on either matter because the revisions were just submitted, but on the other hand she said she was pleased with the tree planting plan. There were no objections from members.

On the motion by Verge and seconded by Belitz, it was VOTED to close the hearing for DEP 125-1106. Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye; Tatistcheff – aye. On the motion by Verge and seconded by Parra, it was VOTED to issue a Standard Order of Conditions with no Special Conditions. Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye; Tatistcheff – aye. On the motion by Young and seconded by Hundal, it was VOTED to take up the matter of the Extension Request for DEP 125-1045. Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye;

Tatistcheff – aye. On the motion by Parra and seconded by Verge, it was VOTED to issue an Extension Permit for DEP 125-1045 to expire with the OOC for DEP 125-1106. Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye; Tatistcheff – aye.

7:53 p.m. (DEP 125-1102) Notice of Intent, Continued Hearing

**Applicant: Alison V. Pascarelli & Elizabeth Hudson Valentine,
Trustees of the 566 Acton Street Nominee Trust**

Project Location: Acton Street: Map 17, Parcels 24-2, 24-3, 24-4, & 24-5 (Stillmeadow North)

Project Description: Construction of a Common Driveway to access 4 lots, with work altering bordering vegetated wetland and the outer 100 ft of the 200 ft Riverfront resource area.

(DEP 125-1105) Notice of Intent, Continued Hearing

**Applicant: Alison V. Pascarelli & Elizabeth Hudson Valentine,
Trustees of the 566 Acton Street Nominee Trust**

Project Location: Acton Street: Map 17, Parcel 18-16 & 18-17

Project Description: Construction of a Common Driveway to serve 2 lots with work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

(DEP 125-1104) Notice of Intent, Continued Hearing

**Applicant: Alison V. Pascarelli & Elizabeth Hudson Valentine,
Trustees of the 566 Acton Street Nominee Trust**

Project Location: West Street: Map 18, Parcel 23-7

Project Description: Construction of a Common Driveway to serve 2 lots with work within the 100-ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland

(DEP 125-1103) Notice of Intent, Continued Hearing

**Applicant: Alison V. Pascarelli & Elizabeth Hudson Valentine,
Trustees of the 566 Acton Street Nominee Trust**

Project Location: West Street: Map 17, Parcels 21-13, 22-10, 22-11

Project Description: Construction of a Common Driveway to serve 3 lots with work altering Bordering Vegetated Wetland and within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

Tatistcheff opened the continued hearing for DEP 125-1102, 125-1103, 125-1104 and 125-1105 under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Carlisle Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

Dan Carr of Stamski and McNary said they are hoping to focus on Stillmeadow North during tonight's hearing. He presented the revised Stillmeadow North plan via screen share, reflecting the following changes based on comments from the Planning Board's peer reviewer Nitsch Engineering, and on comments from the Commission's peer reviewer David Pickart of Ecological Resource Consultants: (1) additional information provided regarding the stone walls located on Acton Street (Scenic Roadway); (2) identified two trees to be removed on Acton Street for sight distance purposes; (3) proposing a 12-inch culvert under the Common Drive entrance to allow the passage of water along the shoulder of Acton Street; (4) following discussions with the Fire Chief, the plans and detail have been revised to show a 30,000 gallon cistern with the Common Driveway for Lots 2-5 and the 40,000 gallon cistern will be located on West Street and shown on the Stillmeadow South Plan Set; (5) the wetland crossing has been revised to include an additional 12-inch pipe under the driveway to provide an improved hydrologic connection on either side of the driveway; (6) the proposed Wetland Replication Area (WRA) has been relocated to a less wooded site to reduce the number of trees t/b/r; they are now proposing wet meadow plants vs forest wetland plants.

In response to one of the comments in Mr. Pickart's report, Carr confirmed the proposed BVW impacts for all NOI's is at less than 5k s.f. throughout the entire property in common ownership and noted the applicant is exploring the inclusion of a deed restriction limiting future impacts to wetlands to 5k s.f.

Willard noted the plan does not include the location for mailboxes and suggested they explore the potential for locating them a distance in from where the Common Driveway leaves Acton Street in order to locate it outside of the jurisdictional area.

Mr. Pickart noted the Plan Note entitled Procedure for Construction of the WRA states “shall be inspected at the end of the first and second growing seasons, replanting and repairs should be scheduled as needed to provide adequate cover”. He said that typically the Special Conditions define some success standards, and if those do not appear to be achievable during the monitoring period, the proponent is required to submit a remedial plan, which may entail adding better soil, adding more plants, or invasive plant treatment efforts. He suggested rewording the note to state.... “if after one growing season ... a remedial plan/measures will be developed and presented to the Commission for review and approval prior to implementation.

Mr. Pickard noted this Plan Note also indicates the plan to transfer topsoil or peat from the fill area directly to the WRA. Having observed some invasive plant species in this area, he suggested they use a manufactured wetland soil as an alternative.

Tatistcheff said the Commission would need to continue the hearing pending Mr. Pickart’s submission of the draft Order of Conditions. On the motion by Verge and seconded by Young, it was VOTED to continue the hearings for DEP 125-1102, 125-1103, 125-1104 and 125-1105 to June 10, 2021 at 7:45 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye; Tatistcheff – aye.

8:54 p.m. (DOA-367) Request for Determination of Applicability

Applicant: Rosanne & Jaime Waters

Project Location: 36 Forest Park Drive

Project Description: ATF Landscaping Work, including hardscaping, within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland

Tatistcheff opened the meeting for DOA-367 under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Carlisle Wetlands Protection Bylaw. The project, undertaken last fall, included construction of a retaining wall, stockpiling soil, and replacing a lawn within the 100-foot Buffer Zone.

Present for the meeting was Roseanne Waters, who said they had undertaken the project when they were new to Carlisle and not aware of the requirements of the Wetlands Protection Act. She said there had been a small rock retaining wall with an attached stairway at the end of the driveway that was deteriorating, requiring that they walk on the grass to reach the entry door. The now completed work included installation of a walkway and retaining wall and replacement of the stairs.

Tatistcheff noted the RDA application requests confirmation of a 5-year-old delineation. She explained that the Commission would be unable to accept it since it is over 3 years old and said they would be including a Finding to that effect in the Determination. She said she was sorry they had to find out the hard way that there are activities that the Commission is involved in and encouraged her to contact the office for advice when contemplating future work.

On the motion by Verge and seconded by Hundal, it was VOTED to issue a Negative Determination/B3, the work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a NOI, subject to the following conditions: establish erosion control between the resource area and the disturbed area near the far end of the driveway, loam, and seed to thoroughly vegetate the area; with the Finding that the boundaries of resource areas listed below are not confirmed by this Determination.

Ms. Waters asked how long the erosion control barrier would need to remain in place. Willard said the applicants should contact her when they receive the permit packet to schedule a site visit during which she will make that determination.

Enforcement Order:

155 Woodridge Road – George and Stephanie Kapsalis: Landscaping alterations within the Conservation Commission’s jurisdiction including work within a documented vernal pool.

Tatistcheff confirmed the Commission’s receipt of the proposed Enforcement Order and Restoration Agreement as prepared by Attorney Richard (Chip) Nylén of Lynch, DeSimone & Nylén on behalf of the property owners .

At Tatistcheff’s request, Willard provided the following comments on the proposed EO Agreement:

- Introductory Text: remove the word “alleged” in order to recognize work was done within a jurisdictional area
- Condition #6 – revise to state work within the resource area must be performed under the direct supervision of an EcoTec wetland scientist with at least five years of experience in wetlands delineation/restoration
- Condition #9: revise to state relocation of removed soil will be presented to the Conservation Agent for approval prior to the commencement of work
- Condition 14: with regard to straw wattles, (1) the Commission in general prefers a biodegradable casing to prevent wildlife from getting entrapped in the plastic mesh casing; (2) state that the wattle shall remain in place until both EcoTec and the Commission Agent advises that it is no longer necessary; (3) it may be appropriate to include critter gaps in the erosion control, as is typically required in locations within resource areas

Attorney Nylén said the use of the word “alleged” was a reflection that his clients did not intent to do damage to the resource area. With respect to the delineation, he said they plan to have the area staked out, so if soil is to be deposited on site, they will know how to stay out of jurisdictional areas. With respect to level of experience of the wetland scientist, they believe EcoTec clearly meets these standards.

Wetland Scientist Paul McManus of EcoTec then responded to Willard’s comments from a technical perspective. With respect to the wattle, he asked that the text be revised to exclude plastic mesh casing, but to leave it flexible, as there are a several alternative options, including slicing off the plastic mesh casing and wrapping it with cloth twine or other biodegradable material. With respect to the inclusion of critter gaps in the erosion control, he said the goal of the barrier is to prevent concentrated flow from coming down during heavy rain events, so he suggests there be no gaps, since it could potentially do the reverse of the desired outcome by concentrating flow rather than creating sheet flow.

With respect to the straw wattle specifications, Attorney Nylén suggests rewording the text to indicate the wattles are to be approved by the Conservation Agent at the preconstruction meeting. With respect to the relocating the excavated soil, he suggests the location be approved by the Conservation Agent prior to the commencement of work.

Parra suggested revising the introductory text indicating the Commission hereby issues the Order requiring the Kapsalis to restore the area consistent with the restoration, the planting plan and the conditions stated and that the document be recordable at the Registry of Deeds.

On the motion by Verge and seconded by Belitz, it was VOTED to authorize Willard to revise and issue the EO based on tonight’s discussion on the Commission’s behalf. Roll Call Vote: Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye; Tatistcheff – aye.

Extension of the Orders of Conditions /Red Line Plan Change Request:

(DEP 125-1035): 120 Wolf Rock Road: Diane Staheli, Request to reduce the size of the approved garage; OOC’s Issued 10.4.2017; Amended to include a garage: 5/22/2019.

On the motion by Young and seconded by Verge, it was VOTED to accept the proposed Plan Change Request and to extend the Order of Conditions for DEP 125-1035 by a period of eighteen months. Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye; Tatistcheff – aye.

Certificates of Compliance:

(DEP 125-449) 99 Judy Farm Rd. Owner: Lawrence Moschini, Project: Construction of an addition, garage, and removal of a shed; issued: 7/26/1996.

Willard reported the addition was constructed but the garage was never built nor was the shed removed. The property is well vegetated. According to the owner, a new filing is under construction for a new garage.

On the motion by Verge and seconded by Hundal, it was VOTED to issue a Certificate of Compliance for DEP 125-449. Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye; Tatistcheff – aye.

Emergency Certificate - 554 River Road: Brian Kane: Removal of 4 dead and dying trees ranging from 8” to 18’ in diameter, located within the 100-foot Buffer Zone along the access driveway to the home and in close proximity (~2.5’) to overhead power lines servicing the home; additional trimming of dead overhanging limbs; the largest tree abuts the BVW and will be left with a 16’ totem.

On the motion by Hundal and seconded by Parra, it was VOTED to issue an Emergency Certificate to Brian Kane of 554 River Road allowing the removal of trees and trimming of limbs as described in the request. Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye; Tatistcheff – aye.

Conservation Land Management:

Greenough Dam CPC Grant Application: On the motion by Verge and seconded by Parra, it was VOTED to support the CPC grant application to fund the repair of the Greenough Dam. Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye; Tatistcheff – aye.

Cranberry Bog Restoration/Management Discussion: Cranberry Bog Working Group (CBWG) member Ken Belitz provided an update on the restoration/management plan. Wetlands Consultant Mary Ann DiPinto of Three Oaks Environmental has provided them with a couple of iterations on the plan. The CBWG had been hoping to solicit opinions from the Commission as to which of the actions they would like to take but will defer this discussion until costs associated with some of the options have been finalized.

CBWG member Alex Parra said the group’s ultimate goal is to present to the Commission a NOI that effectively would be a three-year management plan for the bog, which would also effectively act as a bid document to determine the costs. He said he would like to hear how the Commission feels about some of the proposed management techniques, but he believes there are some issues needing to be addressed going forward, one of which seems to be problematic due to lack of sufficient information: the potential use of flooding as the methodology to control the emergence of trees and upland species. The issue with this being that it is not known whether the existing water control structures would withstand additional, prolonged flooding. CBWG is currently working to obtain the necessary information to determine whether this is a viable management option moving forward.

Parra said the second proposed method that may be problematic to some members of the Commission is trapping of beavers as a means of preserving the structural integrity of the dikes and limiting the damage to the existing control structures. Included in this approach is the installation of geotextile matting with a steel mesh component in the embankment as a means of preserving the dikes, which Parra believes may be beyond the scope of what was originally defined.

Addressing the concerns expressed regarding the flooding methodology, Ms. DiPinto said she recently spoke with Mark Duffy and has since determined that flooding as a means of controlling emergent growth may not provide the desired results because the control structures may not withstand the necessary prolonged flooding. She then reported on some additional research she had done on the geotextile/steel mesh, noting that if the decision is made to use this material, it would be applied only on sections that are predominantly attacked by beavers, at an

estimated cost of a few hundred dollars for a 4 x 100-foot roll. She agreed to do more research on material costs and application/expertise requirements.

Belitz said that one of the issues CBWG is encountering is they had a fairly short time frame in mind for management actions that could be sustained on an ongoing basis, whereas Ms. DiPinto has been thinking in the longer term as to how to present a management plan to the state that would be permissive of a larger range of activities. He said that in general, there has been a certain reluctance with the CBWG and before them the Cranberry Bog Alternatives Committee to hit that kind of larger price point.

Ms. DiPinto said the plan is almost like a step-up plan; begin with mowing and if the CBWG is looking for more change, step it up to the next level as needed. She said that initially mowing is number one factor along with cutting down the upland saplings and the invasive plants. She said she believes tackling those things would go a long way toward preserving what is there now.

Belitz asked Parra if he agrees that the unknown costs associated with the longer-term, step up actions summarizes where things are. Parra said that is part of it, but CBWG is also struggling to keep the project on a manageable level. He believes the preservation of the structural integrity of the dikes is an important component as part of the of the management, but before going in that direction and presenting an NOI to the Commission, CBWG would like to know the Commission is receptive to that.

Belitz asked if they were simply to go with a NOI for mowing, other mechanical removal, and then chemical removal, if needed, without invoking flooding as an option, if they could they subsequently go back to the state with a more active approach. Tatistcheff said she did not see why there could not be a request for an Amended OOC. Willard said an amended OOC cannot have an increased impact on the resource area. DiPinto said it would be the same area but just by a different approach.

Hundal said that after having done some research on issues with beavers affecting the Otter Slide Trail, it seemed to her that is it more involved to handle beaver activity than it sounds based on tonight's discussion, and she asked if she may be missing something. She asked if perhaps they may be oversimplifying it as far as cost vs required expertise. Tatistcheff said she thought the approach of using the steel mesh as a means of preventing beavers from removing material sounded appropriate, but the issue is, who would maintain it. Ms. DiPinto agreed to also do some additional research relative to installation/expertise requirements and maintenance costs associated with the steel mesh approach.

Willard noted the last Office of Dam Safety (ODS) inspection of the dam in 2015 revealed that there is a fair amount of work that will need to be done on the dam before the next inspection and there may also be approval requirements associated with the steel mesh armoring. She agreed to contact the ODS to obtain additional information.

Land Use Permits:

Towle Conservation Land - Judy Asarkof: The Commission held a continued discussion of Ms. Asarkof's proposal to conduct an inventory of existing plants and restoration of native meadow pollinator plants in 2-acre +/- section of Towle Field. The Commission encouraged Ms. Asarkoff to coordinate her activities with the field mower and the licensed applicator working on the multi-year invasive plant management project. The Commission also requested that Ms. Asarkoff provide them with reports/photographs regarding her management objectives, what she has done towards achieving them, and her plans moving forward at the end of the growing season.

On the motion by Young and seconded by Hundal, it was VOTED to issue a Land Use Permit to Judy Asarkoff to conduct an inventory of existing native meadow pollinator plants from March 31, 2021, through November 30, 2021, as described in her proposal dated 3/23/2021. Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye; Tatistcheff – aye.

Foss Farm: Cub Scout Troop 135 Camping Permit Request

Present was Scout Master Joshua Danker who said they will be staking out an alternative area just inside the woods for this year's Father's Day camp out to allow the area used in previous years to rest. He anticipates approximately 50 people including parents and scouts, with a maximum of 20 cars. He noted the group typically concludes the overnight early the next morning, so there should not be any issues with other users accessing the parking lot.

On the motion by Young and seconded by Verge, it was VOTED to issue a Land Use Permit to Cub Scout Troop 135 for an overnight camp out at Foss Farm from June 19-20, 2021. Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye; Tatistcheff – aye.

Foss Farm: Boy Scout Troop 135 – Outdoor Meetings at Foss Farm: On the motion by Verge and seconded by Young, it was VOTED to issue a Land Use Permit to scout Ian Wolossow to hold outdoor meetings at Foss Farm on Tuesday evenings through June 2021. Roll Call Vote: Verge – aye; Belitz – aye; Young – aye; Parra – aye; Hundal – aye; Tatistcheff – aye.

Project Updates:

Woodward Village: Tatistcheff reported the rock hammering occurring on the site was not entirely successful so some blasting will be required.

1215 Curve Street: Willard reported meeting recently with the wetland scientist on site who provided her with a detailed procedure for returning the site to compliance including specific timelines and incorporating regular inspections.

9:34 On the motion by Verge and seconded by Young, it was VOTED to adjourn.

All supporting materials that have been provided to members of this body can be made available on upon request