

**Land Stewardship Committee Meeting
March 12, 2019
Town Hall - 7:00 PM**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Tom Brownrigg, Dwight DeMay, Deborah Geltner, Warren Lyman, Andrew Wilmot, Sylvia Willard (Conservation Administrator)

Not Present: Lyn Carroll

The meeting was opened at 7 PM

Minutes: The minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting were approved with amendments.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Cranberry Bog Working Group (CBWG)

There has been no CBWG activity in the last month to report on. The next meeting is on 3-18-19.

2. Greenough Dam Repairs

LSC members reviewed a letter, drafted by Geltner, to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) stating the LSC's support for the repair of the Greenough Dam and urging them to approve the funding request by the Carlisle Board of Selectmen. The LSC approved the letter with amendments. Willard reported that Billerica has agreed to send (directly) a letter of support to EOEEA for the proposed repairs.

3. Woodward Land

Brownrigg reported that, for the already-purchased Woodward property, he and others had located all but one of the previously installed property corner stakes (wood) and the associated metal rods (with yellow caps). Metal fence posts with painted stripes were installed at all locations. The next task will be to put the original fence line, and other information, on the property map being prepared and which will be used in the baseline report.

Willard reported that the planned "Woodward Village" development is progressing. Eventually, ConsCom will be given a 32-acre portion of the development for conservation purposes. Following a wetlands filing, the water supply wells for the proposed development were dug, and the water from them is now being tested. The wells are natural artesian.

4. Site Visit to Russell Conservation Land

No action taken at this meeting.

5. LSC Conservation Projects

LSC members reviewed the list of LSC “Initiatives” from the Town’s 2013 Open Space & Recreation Plan. A table listing the Initiatives, and their status as of March 2014, was handed out. The table described a total of 16 initiatives in 5 categories. Each initiative was briefly reviewed and a determination made as to whether further action should be undertaken by LSC at this time. It was informally agreed that several Initiatives did require further work and, in some cases, specific LSC members agreed to take action. Further discussion of some initiatives will be required at future LSC meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Farmers’ Meeting at ConsCom

Willard reported that the annual farmers’ meeting at ConsCom was scheduled for April 11.

2. New Wood Bench at Bog

Geltner showed a photo taken at the Cranberry Bog of a recently added crude ~~wood~~ log bench constructed from debris by unknown person(s) situated alongside the bog road.

3. Department of Environmental Restoration – Annual Report

Lyman reported that the State’s Department of Environmental Restoration (DER) had recently released its Annual Report for 2108, and that it contained a description of all the restorations (e.g., cranberry bog restoration, dam removal) that were undertaken in the last year. He suggested that we keep the DER and their expertise in mind for future use in Carlisle. The report is available at: <https://www.mass.gov/news/ders-2018-annual-report>.

The meeting ended at 9:03 PM.

Next Meetings

- April 16, 2019 @ 7 PM
- May 14, 2019 @ 7 PM

Minutes approved on April 16, 2019

Submitted by Warren Lyman