

**Town of Carlisle**  
**Conservation Restriction Advisory Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting April 5, 2023**

**In attendance:** Members Rick Oches (Chair), Marc Lamere, Jeannie Geneczko, and Ken Harte. Sylvia Willard, Conservation Commission Administrator, also attended in person.

Angie Verge, Carlisle Landscaper/Horticultural Consultant, was in attendance for part of the meeting.

**1. Open Meeting**

**2. Minutes of March 1, 2023**

The Committee reviewed the minutes of March 1, 2023. After a minor edit adding Chris Fielding's surname to the CR#1+34 report, the minutes were approved as written.

**3. Old Business**

**a. CR#70 Update**

CRAC reviewed the change to the proposed CR#70 that eliminated the drone flyover prohibition (because it violated FAA regulations). CRAC then voted to recommend to the Select Board that they approve CR#70 as written provided that there are no substantial changes from the draft of March 15, 2023.

**b. 2022 Annual Report**

The Committee reviewed the draft of the 2022 Annual CRAC Report. After several edits were made, the Committee voted to approve and submit the report as written.

**c. CR#1+34 Letter to Property Owner**

Pending

**d. CR#1+34 Abutter Question**

The property containing CR#1+34 will be on the market this Spring.

Angie Verge, Carlisle Landscaper/Horticultural Consultant, attended on behalf of the owner of an abutting property, 84 Tophet Road. The concern was the extent and control of the invasives on CR#34 which were enveloping and killing trees and other plants. An informal description presented by Angie on the use of sound horticultural practices for invasives (that the abutter would help finance) did not seem to conflict with the terms of the CR. However, it was agreed between Angie and CRAC that a formal proposal after property sale to control the invasives be presented to CRAC and to the new owners of the property rather than the current owners.

#### **e. Elliott Preserve – Trails Use/Biking Inquiry**

A trails bike group would like to bike the trails of Elliott Preserve in October 2023. Dan Stimson from the SVT said that biking is allowed on the trails. To confirm, the CR#65 for the Elliott Preserve does allow for non-motorized biking on Designated Trails only.

#### **f. Woodward Land CR**

CCF (The Carlisle Conservation Foundation) sent the writing of the Woodward Land CR back to the town, i.e., CRAC. Rick is going to take the CR writing responsibility back to CCF stating that 1) the writing of the CR is normally done by the CCF; and 2) that there is no experienced person available in CRAC to write the CR for the Woodward Land.

#### **g. Route to Sustainability Day**

Jeannie generated a poster board describing the work of CRAC and showing the CRs. She will also get the Open Space and Recreation Plan map produced and mounted on a poster board. The poster board will be put on easels (tripods). Also, she has approached various citizen nature photographers in Carlisle for photos for a slide show. She will set up and staff the CRAC table on Sustainability Day. Marc Lamere supplied Jeannie QRs for the displays and will supply CRAC inspection photos for the slideshow.

#### **h. All Chairs Meeting**

The All-Chairs Meeting report is out, and there is a Carlisle GIS discussion.

### **4. New Business**

#### **a. CR Site Inspection Schedule for Spring/Summer 2023**

It was decided not to schedule any site visits at this meeting, and to map out a monitoring schedule for the Spring/Summer at the May 3 meeting.

#### **b. CRAC Website Review**

Jeannie reported that the CRAC website needed a map update and was missing links.

#### **c. Town newsletter request for committee activities (Aubrey Thomas)**

This item was pushed to the May 3 meeting.

#### **e. Additional new business?**

No.

#### **Next Meeting:**

May 3, 2023 @ 7:30 PM

#### **Adjourned:**

April 5, 2023 @ 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Geneczko

Minutes Approved: 5/3/2023