

Cranberry Bog Working Group
Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2022 via Zoom

Members Present: Alex Parra, Susan Provenzano, Luke Ascolillo, Helen Young

Conservation Administrator: Sylvia Willard

Public: Iva Mooney, Warren Lyman, Chris Spinney, Mark Barrow, Ariella Rebbi, Sara Dunleavy

Meeting began at 7:05 pm

Acting Chair Parra initiated the meeting by doing a roll call of all members, administrators, and public. He then recited the Massachusetts governor's order and rules for conducting public meetings remotely. This meeting will be covered by the minutes and not recorded. Parra also explained public input will be taken when the Acting Chair asks for public input and will call on persons and each will have 3 minutes.

Agenda Item:

1. Minutes approval - after a couple of changes and adjustments the minutes from the November meeting were approved unanimously.
2. Pump House Update - Willard asked Duffy who owned the pump house and Duffy confirmed that he did. Parra asked Willard to get a plan for removal from Duffy.
3. Curve St Dam Update - Willard did not get a chance to ask Bill Risso for his input on the dam and it's maintenance. Willard explained that the boards at this dam are used when flooding the bog. Willard doesn't recommend boards on this dam because of potential flooding damage.
4. Proposed Mowing NOI - Willard reported that she is working on the NOI. She has talked with Duffy about mowing and pine tree removal. She reported that Duffy has talked with his son about doing the work during the winter when he is more available. Parra asked whether this NOI could be combined with the NOI that DiPinto was going to help with. Willard is worried that by the time the NOI is completed it will be too late (conditions too wet or snowy) to do the mowing and tree removal.
5. Cranberry Bog Dam #1 Repair Update - Willard reported that because the dam is a regulated dam one must file applications with the Office of Dam Safety. She filed one report, but now the Office of Dam Safety wants an engineers stamp on another report and this requires \$4000 in fees from Stamsky McNary, which is not in the budget, but Board of Selectmen have agreed to finance if necessary.

6. Friends of Carlisle Cranberry Bog Group - Cons Com approved the concept providing the work is approved by the Cons Com. Spinney reported that a Facebook page has been started. The page is not public but has been viewed by a couple of members. The flash board risers have been kept clear and recently the beavers have not re-blocked the flumes. Spinney is curious if there is a town waiver and could make that part of joining the FB page, which would guarantee signatures. Parra reported that Town Council has been asked, but he hasn't heard back. Parra asked that Spinney keep the group updated. Parra wondered if once the waivers were in place whether the group could take over flume clearing and Duffy could do other stuff. Willard reported that someone has mowed the base of the dam, but she doesn't know who.
7. Covered above.
8. Draft of Charter - Willard found a draft of the group's charter and asked her assistant to create one. Lyman stated that the mission could be found in the minutes of the meeting that created the CBWG. Parra liked the draft and a good summary of what's happening. Provenzano commented that one paragraph was not appropriate as part of the charter, so there was discussion on the charter text. Changes were made and the charter was to be reviewed by the Cons Com.
9. Mooney suggested that Friends of the Carlisle Bog have some way to communicate with those not on Face Book. Spinney replied that the page would be for members to report things happening at the bog, but would open up to others. Mooney thought this might help with people who randomly do work at the bog. Mooney also reported that work has been done on the Chelmsford dam.
10. Next meeting - February 13, 2023 at 7 pm

Meeting adjourned unanimously at 8:06 pm

Minutes approved on March 20, 2023