

Minutes
Waterfront Advisory Committee
Zoom

December 6, 2021

Attending: Martin Overington, Christina Bohnsack, Donald Dubac, Doris Dubac, Kaare Christian, Tracy Martin and Jo Hills

Martin Overington called the meeting to order at 7:06

November Minutes — A motion to accept the minutes as written made by Donald Dubac, seconded by Tracy Martin. All in favor; minutes accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Greenway Grant

Germantown received a grant for enhancements at Roe Jan Park. Robert Beaury will be sending in a contract. Grant will pay for:

1. a stairway up to the camping area. Overington will lead this project which needs to be done in August.
2. a power source at the site (project led by Kaare Christian). Discussion of pros/cons of solar or power from the grid. Dubac listed some of the negatives of solar. Grid currently costs \$17 a month and is more reliable. Town would have to agree to pay for electricity from the grid. Decision to go for solar and a tall pole now and to store all electric equipment and poles that are already at the site for possible future switch. Christian will check that this has to be done by end of 2022.
3. Kiosk. Christina Bohnsack will lead this project.
4. Security Camera — discussed and dismissed.

Water Chestnuts

Christian and Jo Hills and Arthur Schiff met with Jim McNamee of Got Lake Weeds. He is now looking into permits and the work needed to remove and dispose of the water chestnuts around the Cheviot Landing dock.

Fundraising

On hold

NEW BUSINESS

LWRP Community Meeting

A small but highly engaged turnout. Jan Borchert's website which allows for community input is available until December 18.

Prism

Overington reached out to Christopher Williams of NY Department of Environmental Conservation for information about requests for proposals for grants on invasive species projects. Deadline is January 6th. Christian wrote to Prism for information. Prism works with areas that are listed on iMapInvasives. Christian will attempt to update and correct the maps. There are some entries near Cheviot from 1947-1948.

Regional Approach

Tracy Martin reported that Mike Brown reached out to a group at Cornell who are doing research on beetles that eats the plant. Paddle Boston got help to purchase a weedeater machine and it took them five years to virtually eliminate the chestnuts. Bohnsack reached out to the county. County interested in working together.

Other Items

Christina Bohnsack is stepping down from the WAC. She will continue to work on the kiosks, LWRP and CSC. She would like someone to step up to take over the Instagram account. Overington led a big thank you to her from the committee.

Mike Brown is waiting for the ground to freeze to have an Ice House Cleanup.

Next Meeting - January 3

Motion to adjourn made by Martin, seconded by Bohsnack, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01.

NEW BUSINESS

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Motion to end meeting made by Overington, seconded by Martin.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53.