

February 5th 2019 WCC Meeting Minutes

Present were: Gus Ruth, Bonnie Leveille, Norm Sims, Jon Baldvins, and John Hann.

Margaret Sharra, Cheryl Bondi. from DES.

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM

A discussion was held on the new monitoring plan for the Cranberry bog culvert replacement grant. The Plan has been simplified and Cheryl was present to explain and answer questions. (Plan on file) It was stated that the bog would not be drained. The Highway Department will monitor weekly and also monitor heavy rain events. The weirs will be monitored for water levels, vegetation, fish passage, etc. Cheryl explained that they must show 5 years of monitoring to complete grant requirements or, if not, they would have to pay back the grant money. Norm expressed concerns for the possibility of draining the bog, cutting of mature trees on his property and the difficulty of monitoring on the downstream side of the culvert. Margaret will meet with Norm privately related to his concerns.

Cheryl stated that she would be present to do both a preconstruction monitoring as well as the first monitoring which would be at the low flow this summer.

When asked how far upstream they would monitor it was stated "to where the pond gets too wide" and would just photograph there.

Cheryl stated there will be a Stream Crossing Training Session on May 20th which would be helpful for anyone participating. Margaret will attend and anyone else is welcome.

The first report will be done in the summer of 2019 and the report will be due January 1st of 2021.

Cheryl suggested the WCC draw up a data sheet to use for the monitoring.

Cheryl was asked when the final approval for the grant would be decided and bids could go out for the work. They are requesting to be on the Government council's next agenda for final approval so can begin the bid process.

Cheryl will take one more pass on the monitoring document for the WCC to follow. Margaret confirmed that she will part of the monitoring process.

Motion to adjourn at 2:40PM.

Submitted by
Bonnie Leveille, Secretary

The block contains two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature, at the top, is 'Gus Ruth' and is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script. The second signature, below the first, is 'Bonnie Leveille' and is also in cursive, with a more flowing and connected style. Both signatures are positioned to the right of the typed name 'Submitted by Bonnie Leveille, Secretary'.