

Raynes Farm Stewardship Committee  
Meeting of January 28, 2020  
Draft Minutes

Members present: Bill Campbell, Ben Anderson, Ginny Raub, Nick Campion, Don Briselden  
Staff present: Kristen Murphy

Bill Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:15 am.

**LCHIP Application Process:**

Bill Campbell introduced the list of items that were put together as lessons learned following the meeting with LCHIP representatives.

Don Briselden shared his thoughts about the current project budget. He emphasized the need to ensure we have current figures and that they are sufficient to meet the Secretary of Interior standards. It was decided getting sound numbers was a priority and should happen even if it means delaying the LCHIP application a year. Kristen and Don will review the numbers, reach out to Lynne Monroe and Frank Whitimore, and determine next steps. We can call the RFSC back together after that point. Kristen will look into other funding sources such as the conservation fund budget, Mooseplate grants, DPW support and other grant sources should an engineering contract be necessary. It may also be helpful to review other LCHIP projects to see the level of engineering that went into their budget development.

The committee also wanted to be sure the project is vetted through DPW and the facilities committee. Bill Campbell said he would reach out to Jeff Beck and the facilities committee.

The committee will also need to update the Long Range Development Plan. Kristen will reach out to NH Preservation Alliance for successful barn examples to model after.

**Winter Solstice Update:** Ginny Raub and Kristen provided an update of the event. Weather conditions were perfect and made parking and access easy. DPW plowed parking and people parked on the hill, Ben Anderson and Dave Short gathered materials for the small bonfire. About 40+ people attended. The committee thought it would be a good event to repeat in 2020.

**Sky Watch:** Ginny will request the date of Thursday April 23 with Monday April 27<sup>th</sup> as a weather-related backup. The 27<sup>th</sup> overlaps with April school vacation.

**Parking Improvements and Lighting:** Bill will check with Jeff Beck on parking and lighting.

**Other Topics:** Kristen said with a successful year of events under our belt, it is clear that to expanding capacity would require someone to take a leadership role for the property. The group agreed. Nick Campion said he would be willing to help apply for a 501c3 to establish a Friends of Raynes Farm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.