

CISMA Steering Committee
January 14, 2020

Attending: Linh Phu (USFWS), Rebecca Longvall (Bolton), Amber Carr (Framingham), Bud Sechler (Native Plant Trust), Laura Mattei (Sudbury Valley Trustees), Kristin O'Brien (Sudbury Valley Trustees), Emma Lord (NPS), Gerry DiBello (Westford Conservation Trust), Whit Beals (Southborough Open Land Foundation), Stacy Carter (Lincoln)

Amber Carr (Framingham)

- Minutes from September and November meetings were edited and approved

Kristin O'Brien

- Invasive Species Coordinator bill approved and on its way to Ways and Means. No known time frame yet
- CISMA boats – Framingham will be using the boats for an education outdoor program this year. SC approved sale of boats and other equipment that is no longer used regularly. Equipment to be advertised in future newsletter
- Knotweed biocontrol – Open comment period just closed, link will be available in next newsletter to read public comments

Amber Carr – Steering Committee membership

- Bolton and Southborough Land Foundation are new members
- NPS, Framingham and Lincoln are returning members
- CISMA 2020 Officers
 - Gerry DiBello volunteers as Secretary and Treasurer
 - Stacy Carter volunteers to be Vice-Chair
 - Ryan Brown volunteers to be Chair
 - New officers approved by SC

CISMA Small Grant Proposals

- Five applicants, \$4,837 available
 - Natick – Marianne Iarossi present for questions. Requests \$2,000 to develop management plan for controlling invasives and ED species in Hunnewell Town Forest, supported by Native Plant Trust
 - Ashland – Rob St. Germain present for questions. Requests \$2,000 to map knotweed, barberry and bittersweet along with manual removal in high priority Ashland Town Forest
 - Stow Conservation Trust – John Sangermano present for questions. Requests \$1550 to plan and control invasives at Leggett Parcel
 - Wayland – \$1,400 for purchase of native seed to restore disturbed area at Lower Snake Brook Conservation.
 - Hopkinton – \$500 for bittersweet control mechanically at Whitehall Reservoir, then follow up with management plan
- SC approved \$500 for Hopkinton, \$1000 for Ashland, \$2000 for Natick and \$1000 for Stow. Stow and Hopkinton will be asked to attend the EDC Spring Management workshop

Spring Meeting – March 10

- SC approves a restoration and pollinator theme, speakers to discuss seed mixes and other restoration strategies
- Merge Metrowest Conservation Alliance and CISMA spring meeting

APA

- Send comments to Kristin by Friday for editing and approving 2020 APAs

Admin Subcommittee

- Members of both committees noted redundancies between Admin and Steering subcommittees
- SC agreed to dissolve the Admin subcommittee and place more tasks on Steering committee members