

**Danvers River Committee**  
**Thursday, January 16, 2020**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The Danvers River Committee held a public meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2020  
Town Manager's Conference Room, Danvers Town Hall, at 6:00pm.

**Member(s) present:** Bill Fouhey  
Joan George  
Bob Moore  
Matthew Byrne  
Louie George

**Member(s) absent:** Aileen L'Abbe  
Dan DeLorenzo  
Bill Nicholson  
Gardner Trask, Selectman Liaison

**Staff Present:** Christopher Sanborn, Harbormaster

**Media Present:** None

**Other:** Stephen King, Town Engineer  
Mike Nelson, CDM Smith

Bob Moore called meeting called to order at 6:08 pm.

**Secretary's Report:**

The minutes of the November 21, 2019 were not available for review and approval.

**New Business:**

Steve King, Town Engineer and Mike Nelson, CDM Smith gave update on Crane River  
Marina Shoreline Stabilization Proect.

Louie G. asked if we are trying to preserve as much seen in photo #3 of the Crane River  
Embankment Stabilization. Mike Nelson replied, "yes".

Joan G. asked what happens when you find contaminated soil when digging?  
Steve K. and Mike N. explained that soil will have to be monitored during excavation and  
if contamination is found it will have to be disposed of according to regulations to the proper  
landfill sites. Price vary by the load 75-160 a ton depending where it can be disposed of.

Matt B. asked about what happens when heavy metals found i.e. chromium and  
arsenic? Mike N. replied, we should know before digging because we are required by

test pits/boring samples. At that time, if and when minerals are found, the general contractor will make the determination how to dispose the metals. Mike Nelson explained the permitting staged. ENF notification form has been submitted and will get a response as to any plan changes.

It was noted that Army Corp Engineers, ConCom, DEP c91 notifications and subsequent changes may be required.

Joan G. asked Mike Nelson what other communities they have done this type of work for. Mike N. responded Salem, Beverly, Danvers and Gloucester, Mike N. explained the history of CDM and mentioned the owner of company was a doctor from MIT, he built a water purification building and started his company; other partners came in 1950. Mike N. stated that he had worked for the Town of Danvers as an Engineer prior to CDM.

Mike N. described this as a resiliency project. He highlighted that two previous attempts have been made to do this project and failed.

If Mike N. and Steve K. submit an ENF and receive negative results, they may have to restructure the project.

Bill F. asked questions about climate change in relation to the project and it was said by CDM and the Town/Steve K. that it is not a concern.

Matt B. asked about the funding of the project, Steve K. said it will be designed for a warrant at the town meeting.

Bill Fouhey asked that Chris Sanborn and the Town Engineer write to all the agencies involved USACE, ConCom, DEP & CZM in favor of the project.

Matt seconded it and all agreed. Louie abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

**Motion:** Made by Bill Fouhey, seconded by Matt Byrne requesting that Chris Sanborn, Natural Resources Director and Steve King, Town Engineer contact all agencies involved with this project stating their support for the project. All in Favor: 5:0 with Louie George abstaining due to a conflict of interest being a Federal employee.

**Motion:** Motion made by Matt Byrne, seconded by Louie George, to adjourn the meeting of January 16, 2020. All in favor: 5:0

cc: Steve Bartha, Town Manager  
David Mountain, Recreation Director