

**Charlemont Conservation Commission**  
**December 11th, 2025, 7:00 PM**  
**Via conference call and in person, Town Hall**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Members Participating: Thorne Palmer, Clay Herbert, Bill Harker, Scott Randall

Members on phone: Andrea Santos

Others Participating: Star Atkeson

Thorne Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**Action items:**

1. Review / Approve Minutes from October 9, 2025  
**Bill Harker made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Clay Herbert seconded the motion. All in favor. Andrea Santos-Aye.**

**Discussion items:**

1. Invitation to participate in Multi -Town Conservation Commission Agent service  
The Board went over the offer from Will Cosby of Hawley to participate in using a shared agent to file WPA paperwork and help with site visits. Thorne mentioned that Colrain was going to sign on as well. They went over the cost. It would be roughly \$12,000. a year. The Commission agreed that they were currently an effective commission. Bill told some stories about the benefit of keeping the local knowledge and expertise alive, rather than outsourcing.  
**Bill Harker made a motion to table this discussion for another year. Scott Randall seconded the motion. All in favor, Andrea Santos-Aye.**
2. 180 8A update  
Thorne talked to Brian. The only thing that is left is the bus. The cars that are there he is working on. There may be more cars across the road. There is a stream on the other side of the road. They need to take a look. They think he got rid of cars on that side of the road as well. With Doug Annear hunting and it being winter, any more car removal from the other side will likely happen in the spring.

There is the “no more than 2 unregistered cars rule” in the General bylaws but It hasn’t been enforced in the recent past, and there may be a complication, to start using it now. The attorney had weighed in on that. It would seem arbitrary to single him out, as there are many people in town that have more than two unregistered cars. Thorne will ask Sarah about it.

Thorne will call Brian and talk about the cars on the stream next to his property, and that those have to move too. He needs to cut the bus up and put it in a container.

**\*\*Unforeseen in the last 48 hours: East Oxbow Bridge**

There have been some reports that the job site looks disorganized, a resident thought the Commission should check it out.

Andrea Santos and Bill Harker volunteered to look at the bridge area. Scott can ask his friends in the area if they have noticed anything.

Next meeting is January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Scott Randall made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 PM. Bill Harker seconded the motion. All in favor; Andrea Santos - Aye**