

**MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWN OF CHARLEMONT  
April 4, 2012**

**Members Present:**

Ruth Cannavo  
Alan Booth  
Tim Eichholz  
Doug Forbes

**Members Absent:**

Neal Lear

**Others Present:**

Mike LaValley  
Winston Healey  
Helen Carcio  
Frank Carcio  
Will Anderson  
Sam Talbot  
Jen Mooney  
Frank Mooney

The meeting convened at 7:20 PM

**Action Items:**

Due to the absence of Neal Lear, minutes of the previous meeting will have to be read and approved at the next meeting.

Discussion with Win Healey regarding the removal of silt left by Tropical Storm Irene from his lower fields in the floodplain. It was noted that this would be a removal of material, not an addition. A motion was made for a negative determination with all voting in favor after a review of relevant paperwork.

Discussion with Helen & Frank Carcio regarding a proposal to provide access to the Deerfield for tubing and other types of river-floating via a mowed footpath across 6 acres of land they own behind the Great Outdoors on Main Street. They were told that clearing the way of logs would be acceptable. Parking on the grass would also be acceptable outside of the 200-foot buffer zone. It was noted that because the land is maintained as a hayfield there is an associated agricultural exemption. They were directed to speak to Carlene about an announcement in the paper for a public hearing before seeking final approval from the Conservation Commission.

Discussion with Will Anderson from the Franklin Land Trust and Sam Talbot, an Americorps intern, regarding annual monitoring of the conservation restriction held by the Conservation Commission on the upper field owned by the Academy at Charlemont. Doug Forbes and Mike LaValley volunteered to schedule a monitoring visit with Will and Sam, which John Baldwin from the Academy should also attend. Will pointed out that the property includes a no-disturb zone between Burrington Road and the field, into which the field extends. He recommended that students plant native trees to remedy this issue and mark the boundary. He also recommended stabilization of loose fill

at the east edge of the field through planting. There was some question as to whether the original baseline report was filed at the town office.

Discussion with Jen and Frank Mooney regarding a livery business that would shuttle tubers between Crabapple Whitewater and the riverfront behind Hawlemont School. This would involve using the school parking lot and carrying watercraft across the playing field to the river. An RDA (Request for Determination of Applicability) was recommended after a public hearing.

**Business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Douglas Forbes**

*Ruth M. Cannara*

*Alan Beach*

*Tim Erchler*

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