

**MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF CHARLEMONT
PUBLIC MEETING**

June 3, 2015

Members Present

Ruth Cannavo
Douglas Johnson
Amy Chattin
Douglas Forbes
Bill Harker

Members Absent

Others Present

Mark Stinson
Peg Dean
Ted Willard
Eric Dean
Timothy Stone
Patricia Jones-Raveille

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

1. Patricia Jones-Raveille attended the meeting with Eric Dean in order to review an RDA for her new septic system to be installed at 552 Mountain Road. Stinson noted that replacement of septic systems installed prior to 1996 is allowed between the 200' riverfront buffer zone and 100' feet of the riverfront. He recommended that the Commission make a negative determination. Chattin made a motion accordingly, which was unanimously approved.
2. Timothy Stone attended the meeting to discuss an RDA for construction of a new house on his property at 63 Rowe Road. The Commission concluded that this project is allowable under WPA 10:48 (5), because it constitutes an improvement to a previously disturbed or degraded resource area. Chattin made a motion to issue a positive determination for this project. This was unanimously approved, and Stone should submit an NOI. Stinson requested that Stone improve an area of riverfront equal to the area to be altered by new construction, by planting native vegetation. Stone should submit plan for such improvements after he has filed his NOI.
3. Ted Willard attended for continuation of an RDA from the May 6 meeting. He would like to remove sediment from Patch Brook, a tributary of Legate Brook, which crosses his fields and floods them if it is filled in. The Commission concluded that this project is allowable under WPA 10:04, Agriculture exemption (b), 7 & 11, because the fields are in agricultural use and produce hay. Harker made a motion to issue a negative determination for this project. This was unanimously approved.
4. Mark Stinson initiated a review of the necessity for the Commission to be specific regarding the WPA in its discussions and deliberations, including the minutes.
5. There followed discussion of the need to meet twice per month between June and September in order to expedite the larger volume of building permits submitted during this period. Cannavo made a motion to meet accordingly, which was unanimously approved.
6. Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and signed.

Business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

D.J. Forbes