

Charlemont Conservation Commission Minutes
Charlemont Town Hall
Jun 3, 2020

Present: Charlie Ricko, Bill Harker, Joe Bergeron, Justin Maynard
Guests: N/A

Charlie called meeting to order at 6:41pm

- 1) CocCom will review May minutes at a later time as technical difficulties have made them inaccessible to stenographer.
- 2) Reviewed correspondence which consisted of 200 Avery brook roads letter regarding details of project completion status.
- 3) Agenda included identifying a note taker moving forward. Justin states he will continue taking notes if necessary. At the May zoom meeting the conversation was largely inaudible to Justin, no written notes could be taken as a result of this. The message was recorded via zoom by Charlie Ricko. Justin has not been able to successfully access this recording on several attempts and will continue trying to do so. Justin further states that if a new stenographer is volunteering he would step down from this role and let the new appointed note taker absorb this duty.
- 4) Electronic signatures were discussed regarding level of interest by the committee. Charlie, Bill, Joe and Justin will forgo electronic signatures at this time.
- 5) Reviewed the violation reported by Peter Francosa regarding Todd Gary's property where material was dumped into what looks like a wetland according to Charlie. There is construction debris, stumps and broken bricks in the area of interest. Discussion on town options for identifying the wetland status of the property led to the proposal to hire a wetland consultant for the job using the Conservation Commissions budget. The services of wetland consultant William Lattrell were discussed and agreed to requesting his services.

Bill motions to accept. Justin seconds.
Passed unanimously 4-0.

- 6) Agenda calls for a review regarding the ConCom annual report. At the last meeting Tom Cashin had volunteered to generate the annual report but as he is not present today the item is tabled until next meeting.
- 7) ConCom discussed the ongoing streambank restoration project at 200 Avery brook road. Justin shared with the ConCom the updates regarding the letter and the difficulties experienced with equipment problems and delays associated with the pandemic for a completion of this project. This is only year 2 of an available 3 years. ConCom requested an estimated completion date. Justin reiterated that due to access of appropriate equipment it is unknown. A goal was identified for this September. Justin believes the project will be completed by then but is not guaranteeing it at this time, willing to revisit the project for the September meeting.
- 8) Discussed the ongoing Trout Unlimited project. It was supposed to start this summer, was delayed due to COVID19. Will revisit after the pandemic
- 9) Bill brought up the food truck for Pratt Ribken. An update was provided as he approached the planning board. There is a request to install a fence along the river to minimize foot traffic in the erosion prone streambank. He will need to file an NOI and have the ConCom attach provisions.
- 10) Gordon Hathaway has requested the ability to clean town culverts. This will be visited at a later date with a meeting in about 2 weeks.

Bill motions to accept. Joe seconds
Passes unanimously 4-0.

Charlie motions to close the meeting at 7:15pm. Bill seconded the motion.
Passed unanimously 4-0.