

Charlemont Conservation Commission Minutes
Charlemont Town Hall
March 3, 2021

Present: Tom Cashin, Bill Harker, Justin Maynard, Mark Stinson (Mass DEP)
Guests: Mark Stacey, Kimberly Degutis (from Mass Electric)

Call to Order:

Conservation Commission Chair Tom Cashin called meeting to order at 6:34pm, Justin seconded the motion.

Appointments:

6:30pm: Massachusetts Electric Company; RDA for replacement of Pole P365 on Route 2 and Tower Road—Kimberly explained pole located just left off Mohawk Trail, would not require vegetation removal. Pole is part of MECO plan. Bill stated that it's located in an open field and will not cause any interference. Motion would be a Negative 5 determination. Bill motioned a Negative 5, Tom seconds. 3-0 all agree. Concluded at 6:40 p.m.

Follow up Items: Schaefer Way wetlands violation- requesting an extension for the work to be done due to the weather. No letter needs to be accomplished, just a conversation needed once weather changes the violation should be cleared. Concluded at 6:56 P.M.

7:00: Town of Charlemont; RDA for culvert restoration on Legate Hill Road and Dan Crovo (Gill Engineering associates) due to cost the maintaining and safety would be more cost effective for the area. Culvert was built in the 1940 is 8ft high and 8ft wide and had deteriorated quite a bit due to time. The intent of the project is to complete routine maintenance. Repair the bars, fairly routine work nothing out of the ordinary, and the intent is for it to last for decades after. Flows are fairly small in the culvert, and low in cost for repair. Any of the debris will be collected in a mesh fabric. Looks like a little bit of vegetation work, it is not part of the wetlands. Might have to do light excavation work. Not planning on removing the tree. The Committee requests that Dan lets the committee know when the project starts. No objections 3-0 agree. Bill motions to approve the RDA and Justin seconds.

Approval of Minutes

Two previous minutes from 7 October 2020 and 4 November 2020 will be reviewed and signed, they are currently sitting as DRAFT form.

Tom motions to adjourn meeting and Bill seconds at 7:34 p.m.