

Charlemont Conservation Commission

Minutes

May 5, 2021

Telephone Conference Call

Present: Tom Cashin, Bill Harker, Justin Maynard

Guests: Mark Stinson

Call to Order:

Conservation Commission Tom called meeting to order at 6:59, Justin seconded the motion.

Bill motions to accept the minutes, Justin seconds the motion.

Agenda items:

Feedback on Schafer way wetlands enforcement order. Enforcement order to be issued. Carlene had submitted a letter of request to have this work reversed. Bill had visited the property roadside and no work had been completed to restore this wetland. Justin motions to issue an enforcement order if we do not hear back from Mr. Gerry regarding the restoration of this site. Bill seconds this motion. Bill will follow up with Carlene regarding the letter generated by the town and speak with him in person.

Legate Hill Road discussed. Mark Stinson received a complaint about logging near wetlands. Bill has been there 3 times. No indication of violation for the wetlands. There is no apparent soil erosion or surface water runoff occurring in the logging area. Mark Stinson replied to the complainant and said the con com had reviewed several times with no issues. The case is closed.

Follow up items: None:

Next meeting agenda items:

RDA for Pan Am the herbicide treatment locations. Concom needs a color copy of this map to make the distinction between boundary markers. Pan Am must be contacted by Concom to review the boundaries. Justin volunteered for this effort and is available as soon as next week once this is scheduled.

The NOI filing fee of approximately \$800 from the Berkshire east NOI is legally required to go to the conservation commissions fund and not the general fund for the town. This is a separate account that is not associated with the annual operating budget for the conservation commission. These deposits do not expire and are a forever source of revenue for the Con Com to use for all con com purposes such as consultant fees. Mark Stinson supplied a document regarding the filing fee laws created by Massachusetts to protect these funds. They are exclusive to the Concom not to be used for any other purpose. Wetlands Protection Fund Chapter 43 – 218 of the acts of 1997 (amending G. L. 131 – 40)

Adjournment

Bill motions to adjourn meeting and Justin seconds at 7:44pm