

August 3, 2021

Charlemont Conservation Commission meeting minutes

Charlemont Fairgrounds

Members Present: Thorne Palmer, William (Bill) Harker, Justin Maynard

Guests: Amy Coates and Sean Addison

Bill opens the meeting 6:10pm

Appointments:

Amy presents that back in 2011 they inherited the property with no septic, no well. They put in a septic system. States that during hurricane Irene the culvert located near the septic failed. The town of Charlemont road crew hit the Presby vent pipe at the end of this leach field. This caused the system to fail. Further states the town paid a settlement of \$3,000 towards the repair of this. States that this is within 100 feet from a brook. It is further from the road and brook than the previous leach field went. ConCom reviewed engineer plans from S.K. Kimberley Engineering. Proposing to repair the system as designed with the new outlined location. Brook location identified on a map. Justin proposes to accept the system as designed in its outlined location. Erosion control measures have been addressed with silt fence and straw wattles. Thorne seconds this. All in Favor.

Action Items:

Reviewed and approved the minutes for 7/6/21, 1/8/20, 6/3/20, 10/7/20, 11/4/20

Recognized the availability of 15<sup>th</sup> Edition Natural Heritage Atlas

Reviewed correspondence for the River Forecast and Flood Warning Services information from National Weather Service Forecast Office.

Discussion Items:

336 West Oxbow was approved under appointments section of minutes.

Justin from Bitter Sweet Acres Farm from 200 Avery Brook Road in Charlemont recuses himself from this meeting item regarding a site visit and compliance with Order of Conditions. ConCom will ask Carlene to be an alternate to provide the minimum quorum size for a vote on this project. Justin explained the scope of the project and was prepared for any questions from the ConCom. Thorne will perform a site visit to the Bitter Sweet Acres Farm. Bill proposes to accept the conditions outlined on the revised engineer plans presented today assuming that what Thorne sees meets the engineer plans and no outstanding concerns. Thorne Seconds this motion. If it meets the criteria this project is complete. Justin presented the WPA 8a form and will await receipt of the WPA 8b when it's available.

Schaefer Way wetlands violation: Todd says his tractor was broken down and has not been able to fix this. Bill spoke to him and Todd has agreed to address this as quickly as possible. If this work is not performed in a timely manner the ConCom will file with the court that if the land ever sells the new owner will be required to clean up this wetlands violation. Bill Harker will follow up.

ConCom will review the agendas for the 6 missing minutes taken and reconstruct the minutes. Past members will be contacted in an effort to recover lost minutes.

Justin proposes to adjourn the meeting, Bill seconds, all in favor. 7:42pm.