

**Charlemont Conservation Committee**  
**August 11th, 2022 6:00 pm**  
**Via conference call and in person, Town Hall**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Members Participating: Justin Maynard, Bill Harker, Thorne Palmer, Erica Chenoweth

Others Participating: Star Atkeson secretary, Barbara Beall, Kris van Naerssen

By phone: Andy Mueller

**Conservation Commission Chair Bill Harker called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.**

**Appointments:**

**1. 6:15 PM Public Hearing for Trout Unlimited**

- A request to amend a final Order of Conditions submitted by the Deerfield River Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited was heard. The Amendment to the Order is for the expansion of the Rice Brook in-stream habitat enhancements to include 55 Potter's Road.
- Kris van Naerssen explained his project to the Commissioners
- Kris showed the Abutter notification mailing receipts
- No abutters came to the hearing
- Kris answered questions from Andy Mueller, Barbara Beall and the Commissioners
- **At 5:27 Bill Harker made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Erica Chenoweth; All in Favor**

**Action Items:**

**1. Review/approve minutes from 7/14/2022**

- **Thorne Palmer made a motion to accept minutes as read, Justin Maynard seconded the motion. All were in favor.**
- the minutes were signed

**2. Meet Barbara Beall who is interested in joining the Commission**

- Barbara became a permanent resident of Charlemont, she owns a property on Laurel Lane.
- Barbara gave some background information about herself including that she had been a biology major and was interested in preserving nature.
- **Bill Harker made a motion, seconded by Thorne Palmer to recommend Barbara Beall to the Select Board to be appointed to be a member of the Conservation Commission. All in Favor.**

**3. Sign ComComm approval sign-offs for Whip City Fiber.**

- The Sign off procedure was described for the new member.
- Erica signed off for 2 locations that they visited

## Correspondence:

1. Letter from Paul Hicks re: solving for unpermitted structure within 200' of river
  - Thorne had contacted Hicks about the shed. The letter from Paul Hicks stated that they plan to raise the shed 6" and will move the shed at the end of their season.
  - **Bill Harker made a motion to accept the letter, seconded by Thorne Palmer. All in favor.**

## Other Discussion Items:

1. 125 E. Oxbow logging , brought to attention by Tree Warden
  - The logger is working with DEP and the Forestry Department has okayed the forest cutting work.
  - Thorne got in touch with the logger and confirmed that everything was good.
2. ConComm training opportunity from Joy Duperrault (State NFIP Coordinator/Director, Flood Hazard Management Program MA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation)
  - Joy is offering a training and is available on September 8<sup>th</sup> for an hour or 1.5 hours on dry and wet flood mitigation.
  - It could be at the next meeting and could be held at the fairgrounds.
3. Bill Harker told that a new Road boss was approved this week

## Recognition

1. RDA forthcoming for the Berkshire East DEP complaint
2. Training that Mark Stinson (former Circuit Rider) is creating for new Conservation Commissioners that will include Charlemont and Rowe

**Thorne Palmer made a motion to adjourn seconded by Erica Chenoweth at 7:23. All in favor.**

The next meeting will be held September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Star Atkeson 9/06/2022

## Documents reviewed in meeting:

Agenda of 8/11/2022 Meeting

Minutes of 7/14/2022 Meeting

Letter from Paul Hicks re: shed

Abutter notifications from Kris van Naerssen

Sign-off requests from Whip City Fiber