

**Charlemont Conservation Committee**  
**October 13, 2022 6:00 pm**  
**Via conference call and in person, Town Hall**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

Others Participating: Star Atkeson, secretary

**Conservation Commission Chair Bill Harker called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Review/approve minutes from 9/08/2022
  - The minutes were reviewed and signed.
  
2. Berkshire East RDA to sign
  - Thorne read portions of Berkshire East's RDA out loud. All of the content and plan was in order, as discussed, but there was no date included.
  - The Board requested Secretary contact J.Scalise for clarification.
  - Erica suggested fixing some typos on the RDA as well.

**Thorne Palmer made a motion seconded by Barbara Beall to request clarification on the dates during which the restoration will be performed before signing the RDA. All in favor.**

3. Trout Unlimited Amended Order of Conditions to sign

**Thorne Palmer made a motion seconded by Barbara Beall to sign and accept Trout Unlimited's Amended Order of Conditions. All in Favor. The Amended OOC was signed.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. The 8A Inspection
  - Barbara and Bill went to inspect 8A. They are doing a good job, everything is in the right place. They used rounded rope silt fencing.
  - Barbara asked where they carted the stone away. Bill told that the lower quality stone went to Berkshire East and the other higher quality stone went to the fairgrounds in order to regrade the fields and to prevent the heavy trucks from damaging the fresh paint on Rte. 2.
  
2. Clarification on Bylaws for Conservation Commission.
  - Barbara spoke to Selectman Valentine Reid who confirmed that there were no additional Bylaws that pertained to the business of the Conservation Commission and that Charlemont was operating in line with the other ConComms under the jurisdiction of The Wetlands Protection Act of 1970.

3. Justin Maynard letter of recommendation request
  - The Board sought clarification for what Justin was wanting.
  - Bill suggested that Justin compose the letter for the Board to sign since he knew what he wanted.
  - Barbara suggested that for a quality letter it would be useful to list dates and accomplishments.
  - Thorne volunteered to get the letter that the Select Board provided to use as a source.
  - Justin would appreciate it.

**RECOGNITION:**

1. Open Meeting Law Permits a quorum to do on-site inspections. It is not considered a meeting.
  - The Board acknowledged this information as it pertained to meeting on-site for inspections.

**OTHER DISCUSSION:**

1. Cutting Plan Review
  - Thorne reviewed and shared the Forest Cutting Plan for South Heath Road, Date Rec'd 8/15/2022
2. Joy Duperault's Flood Plain Training scheduling
  - Barbara Beall won't be able to attend November's ConComm meeting which was a potential date for Joy Duperault (State NFIP Coordinator/Director, Flood Hazard Management Program MA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation) to give a training.
  - Barbara would like to attend and suggested rescheduling for December at Hawlemont, as the COVID numbers are up again and multiple towns may attend.
3. ConComm sign-off for Whip City Fiber
  - Erica and Barbara volunteered to visit 62 Rowe Road for the sign-off.

**Barbara Beall motioned to adjourn at 6:50, seconded by Erica Chenoweth. All in favor.**

The next meeting will be held on November 10th, 2022  
Minutes respectfully submitted by Star Atkeson 10/20/2022

Documents reviewed in meeting:

Agenda of 10/13/2022 Meeting  
Minutes of 9/08/2022 Meeting  
Trout Unlimited Amended OOC eDEP entry print out  
Berkshire East RDA  
Forest Cutting Plan: South Heath Road