

Charlemont Conservation Committee
February 9th, 2023 6:00 pm
Via conference call and in person, Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

Members Participating: Thorne Palmer, Barbara Beall, Erica Chenoweth

Others Participating: Star Atkeson, secretary

Barbara Beall made a motion to nominate Thorne Palmer as acting chair for the meeting of February 9th 2023. Seconded by Erica Chenoweth, All in favor.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Review Approve/Minutes from 1/12/2023
 - In reviewing the minutes some discrepancies were noted. There was an opinion that Charlemont was not a part of the National Flood Insurance Program. Charlemont does participate in the NFIP. S.Atkeson will add this to the recognition section of the next agenda.
 - To address another correction that was in this Meeting's recognition section. The Board will have a committee of 2 to start the progress on the bylaw updates to avoid OML conflicts.
 - Minutes are approved and signed
 - **Thorne Palmer made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Barbara Beall, All in favor.**

2. Because Bill Harker is off of ConComm while Select Board member, re-organize Board to fill co-chair.
 - **Erica Chenoweth nominated Thorne Palmer to be co-Chair. Barbara Beall seconded the Motion. All in Favor.**

3. Package from Dupree, receipts or recycled cars
 - The Board questions why they received the receipts, wonder if it is because the ConComm was the department that had issued an enforcement order and if this was meant to be a pre-emptive showing of compliance from an old enforcement order.
 - The Board viewed the receipts from the recycled cars and came to the conclusion that they were not relevant to the matter at hand. They will give the receipts to The Select Board.

OTHER DISCUSSION

- Action Item 3. spurred discussion about what the matter at hand at 180 8A was: which was that there was still a preponderance of junk cars next to Mill Brook
- Barbara Beall read aloud an overview of the Wetlands Protection Program. The Board will write to Sarah in what way the current situation is in violation of the Wetlands Protection Act at 180 8A. The ConComm's purposes are specific: pollution, damage to resource areas, wildlife, public water supply etc.

- If it is true that the cars are being drained of fluids, it needs to be proved. There should not be vehicle fluids within 100' of a Brook.
 - Barbara wonders who will do the inspection. Erica says that it will be spelled out in an Enforcement order with a specific time frame.
 - Erica Chenoweth suggested writing “storage of demolished vehicles affects this section of the act” and then quote the Act.
 - Thorne will reach out to Circuit Rider Mark Stinson.
 - Secretary will send the Board members a file containing a history of the issue at the property.
 - They will prepare a list for the Select Board at the next meeting.
1. Justin Maynard has some questions about structure placement on his property, 200 Avery Brook Rd.
 - Barbara said that what she knows of the situation is that an applicant, like Justin Maynard, should approach the building inspector or the Planning Board first with questions about placement.
 - The Board talked about it a bit and came to the conclusion that it was “not on their plate.”
 - On the subject of Justin, Erica mentioned that she will write that letter that he had wanted for next meeting. Also since there is one less person on the Board they will ask Justin what his plans are for participating as a member on the ConComm.

RECOGNITION:

1. There would be a procedure to follow for a “bylaw committee” since 3 members of ConComm would be a quorum.
 - Barbara and Thorne will continue with the bylaw research as a team to not create OML conflicts.
 - Secretary will send Thorne the current information on the subject.

Barbara Beall motioned to adjourn at 6:45, seconded by Erica Chenoweth. All in favor.

The next meeting will be held on March 9th, 2023.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Star Atkeson 02/15/2023

Documents reviewed in meeting:

- Agenda of 02/09/2023 Meeting
- Minutes of 1/12/2023 Meeting
- Package of Car receipts delivered to ConComm