

Charlemont Conservation Committee
April 13th, 2023 6:00 pm
Via conference call and in person, Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

Members Participating: Thorne Palmer, Barbara Beall,

Via phone: Erica Chenoweth

Others Participating: Justin Maynard, Mark Stinson, Bill Harker, Star Atkeson, secretary.

Thorne called the meeting to order 6:02 PM.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Review Approve/Minutes from 3/9/2023.
- **Barbara Beall made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Thorne Palmer, All in favor.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Education of the Board on ConComm issues and topics.
 - Barbara would like to compile wetlands protection information and ConComm resources from MACC to be available and updated in a binder for the ConComm to use. Barbara wants the board to be effective.

2. Education of the community on ConComm issues and topics.
 - Mark has a trifold handout that he made for communities that he will share as a pdf. MACC also has handouts for the community. Barbara would like to make it available online. They can add links to the website.
 - Mark mentioned that Plainfield includes a handout in each tax bill.
 - Thorne said that Sarah can let ConComm add things to their ConComm page in the Town website, and they can start with links. Thorne mentioned talking to Sarah and working with Colleen Champ to add educational links to the website.
 - Mark pointed out that Beckett has a good website they can look at and appropriate.

3. Establishing a ConComm library (links and hard copies) for the Commission and the community.
(same information as discussed above)

APPOINTMENTS:

6:15 Justin Maynard to discuss structure placement on his property with ConComm and Mark Stinson (DEP) and how to proceed.

- Barbara Bealle was disappointed that a general process was not followed through regarding the structures on Justin's property, which resulted in a real breach.
- Looking back at ConComm documents files by J. Maynard, Mark Stinson said the only thing on the plan was a chicken coop, any other building was never permitted. Whether temporary or permanent it is the same in terms of wetlands violations.
- Barbara said there are questions about what was permitted and what was not. The shipping container and shed are in violation of the wetlands.
- There was an NOI submitted and carried out for streambank restoration and lot improvement in 2019. Mark pointed out that the OOC has the plan date, May 31st 2019, and referenced plan title, and that plan is the official plan.
- Barbara wanted to know when the storage container and the shed were put up. Justin said 2020.
- The shed was first. Justin has a new location for the container. He is told he must submit a notice of intent first.
- The board will familiarize themselves with his previous NOI and OOC and COC.
- Justin maintained that he had been trying to proceed by the books and didn't know it needed to be in writing. He thought that something under 200' would be considered a temporary structure.
- Mark considers that moving the shipping container is "work" (In terms of an RDA) which will indeed alter a resource area therefore it will require an NOI, but Mark is often surprised how commissions vote.

The next meeting will be held on May 11th, 2023.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Star Atkeson 05/09/2023.

Documents reviewed in meeting:

Agenda of 4/13/2023 Meeting

Minutes of 2/09/2023 Meeting

Maynard's ZBA Application