

Charlemont Conservation Committee
January 11th, 2024, 6:00 PM
Via conference call and in person, Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

Members Participating: Thorne Palmer, Clay Herbert, Scott Randall

Others Participating: Jason Fischer, Fedorah Berlus and Sarah Reynolds on phone.
Star Atkeson (secretary.)

Thorne called the meeting to order 6:03 P.M.

Appointment:

6:15 Sarah Reynolds, Town of Charlemont / Jason Fischer Gill Engineering re: **Legate Hill Bridge RDA**
Sarah explained that this was the first phase of the bridge project for the Mass Works bridge Grant. The first phase is engineering, and the second phase is the building of the bridge. They have worked with Gill Engineering before. Gill designed a wooden superstructure similar to the Bissell Bridge. Jason Fischer explained the proposed process: The steel structure will be removed and replaced with a timber glulam superstructure. No work will take place in the water, there will be no environmental impact. The next step is to submit the plan and estimate to the State, they will review them and make comments on design, then the project will get advertised for contractors hopefully this or next building season.

The Board are fine with the proposal and believe it will not have any environmental impact.

Clay Herbert motioned to approve the RDA and proceed with filling out the Form 2 response to the RDA. Thorne seconded the motion. All in favor.

Action item:

1. Review and approve Meeting Minutes from minutes December 14, 2023.
The Minutes were not ready. Minutes approval will be put on the next agenda.
2. **Adjourn meeting and go to Bill Latrelle's 7 PM ConComm training in Heath at the old school, 18 Jacobs Road**

Clay Herbert motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:43, it was seconded by Scott Randall. All in favor.

The next meeting will be held on February 8th, 2024, at 6:00 PM

Documents reviewed in meeting:

- Legate Hill Bridge (C-05-054) RDA (WPA Form 1) dated November 15, 2023, and accompanying narrative packet and 4 pages of plans
- PowerPoint slide packet with pictures prepared by Gill Engineering.
- WPA Form 2 response to the RDA signed by Board members.