

Charlemont Conservation Committee
November 14th, 2024, 7:00 PM
Via conference call and in person, Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

Members Participating: Thorne Palmer, Scott Randall, Bill Harker, Andrea Santos, Clay Herbert
Others Participating: Sarah Reynolds, Star Atkeson (secretary,) Dan Crovo on phone, Wendell Rheinheimer, Maurice Beausoleil

Thorne Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Appointments:

7:00 PM Sarah Reynolds, Dan Crovo Gill Engineering (calling in) for review of the RDA for proposed repair of South River Road Rd. Bridge No. C-05-027 submitted by the Town of Charlemont.

Sarah explained the location and scope of project to the board. She has spoken to the residents on the road. Dan Crovo confirmed there will be signs and precast concrete barriers. The contractors will construct shielding to catch any debris to keep it out of the water, as is written in the RDA and Determination of Applicability. There will be no excavation work. There will be no work in the resource area.

Bill Harker motioned to accept and sign the RDA. Clay Herbert seconded. All in favor.

7:30 PM Wendell Rheinheimer and Guntlow Associates to revise the NOI and OOC issued for 225 Avery Brook Rd.

The Board looked at the original plan for the road and the updated plan brought in by Wendell. Wendell explained the new location of the house. The driveway will be shorter, and the wetlands will be crossed in a different area. The square footage of wetlands that will need to be remediated are comparable with the original.

Clay Herbert moved to accept the Revised NOI and OOC. Andrea Santos seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Board signed the Signature page of the amended OOC.

**** Preconstruction meeting for 225 Avery Brook Rd Driveway as per 7/15/2024 Order of Conditions MassDEP file#127-0064**

As stipulated in the OOC for the driveway project, Wendell and Maurice Beausoleil, his excavator, came in for a preconstruction meeting. The Concomm went over their concerns. Bill told Maurice to use his own judgment, if there wasn't a culvert on the plan, but Maurice thought there should be one, he told him to put it in. They went over options about how the driveway should meet the road. He instructed Wendell to talk to highway about a curb cut. If problem comes up, they should call.

Action items:

1. Review / Approve Minutes from October 10, 2024

Bill Harker motioned to accept the Minutes of October 10th as written. Clay Herbert seconded the motion. All in favor.

2. 180 8A car removal receipt review

The Board viewed the receipts with showed 11 cars plus scrap equaling the weight of 12 cars total. They are on schedule. Thorne called Dupree to schedule a visit on the weekend. They plan on Sunday the 17th at 1:00.

Discussion items:

1. Mohawk Park emergency road issue.

Thorne said that based on his reading of the law, it looks like its up to the applicant to prove in his Notice of Intent that adding fill creates no adverse effects or creates displacement of water downstream. The Board went over the situation again. Thorne will write a letter and quote the law. If he disregards the letter and continues to add fill, the Board will call the DEP and put in a stop order.

Bill Harker made a motion to close the meeting at 7:48. Clay Herbert seconded the motion. All in favor.

The next meeting will be held on December 12, 2024.

Documents reviewed in meeting:

- 180 8A car removal receipts turned into Conservation Commission on 11/14/2024
- Agenda of November 14, 2024
- Minutes of October 10th, 2024
- RDA for proposed repair of South River Road Rd. Bridge No. C-05-027

- Letter From Andre-Anne Chenaille, Guntlow Associates, dated November 12, 2024 to the Charlemont Conservation Commission re: DEP File Number 127-0064 requesting an amendment to the Order of Conditions issued on 7/15/2024