

**Charlemont Conservation Committee**  
**July 11th, 2024, 7:00 PM**  
**Via conference call and in person, Town Hall**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Members Participating: Thorne Palmer, Scott Randall, Clay Herbert, Bill Harker

Others Participating: Andrea Santos, Star Atkeson (secretary,) Bill Harker, Charlie LaBatt, Andre-Anne Chenaille, Wendell Rheinheimer, Michael Suter, Mark Stinson, Anthony Cammalleri

On Phone: Justin Maynard

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

**Appointment: 7:00** Jacob Wendell Rheinheimer and consultant Andre-Anne Chenaille, Guntlow Associates, Inc.

- Engineer Charlie LaBatt presented Notice of Intent submission for driveway and septic to new single-family home at 225 Avery Brook Road in the 100-foot buffer zone.
- The 750-foot driveway will have a single wetland crossing. The wetlands were delineated by Ward Smith of Wendell Wetland Services.
- The Board asked questions regarding the road and the topography around the wetlands. They spoke about conditions that the Board could put into the order. Erosion control is planned. The erosion control must be maintained during the time it takes for the vegetation to take hold.
- The Board was satisfied with the information they received.
- **Clay Herbert motioned to close the hearing. Scott Randall seconded the motion. All in Favor.**

The Board specified the conditions that will be put into the Order:

- 1) Preconstruction meeting with owner, contractor, conservation commission and wetlands consultant 48 hours prior to start of construction.
- 2) Agree to periodic (@ once a month) conservation commission inspections after inch-an-hour storms, during construction and after construction before sediment control vegetation gets established.
- 3) Engineer to create and submit revised plans to include a sufficiently sized cross culvert at the location of the wetlands crossing to maintain hydrologic and ecologic connectivity within the wetlands.
- 4) To protect the wetlands, engineer must create and submit revised plans to include a number of cross culverts sufficient to prevent possible driveway washout.

**Clay Herbert motioned to approve the Order and special conditions as specified. Scott Randall seconded the motion. All in Favor.**

**Action items:**

1. Review / Approve Minutes from June 13, 2024

**Clay Herbert motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Scott Randall seconded the motion. All in favor.**

2. 180 8A car removal receipt review

Dupree is behind 5 cars this month. He had been ahead 16 cars, during the time span of the enforcement order. The Commission will not allow wiggle room about the number of cars leaving per month. They maintain that the minimum number of cars must be removed per month to be in compliance.

3. Andrea Santos to join Conservation Commission

The Board spoke with Andrea about joining the Conservation Commission.

**Bill Harker motioned to accept Andrea Santos as a Commissioner. Scott Randall seconded the motion. All in favor.**

4. Charlemont Highway Department Emergency Work Certification form, Mountain Road culvert fix.

Bill Harker explained that the emergency certification was not necessary as HWY was just doing a repair on an existing structure, fixing the road. A complaint was received by someone worried that the road was being dug up. Since the form was submitted they will sign it.

**Thorne palmer motioned to sign the emergency work certification form. Scott Randall seconded the Motion. All in favor.**

5. Building permit sign-off request for 104 West Oxbow Rd.

Thorne spoke to LeRoy Page who said he will submit an NOI for the project.

**Correspondence:**

1. Letter from Select Board inquiring about 180 8A compliance with enforcement order

The Select Board had written to receive a status update on 180 8A compliance with enforcement order.

The Board decided to answer the Select Board and to copy Brian Dupree in the response regarding his June shortfall. They want him to make it up in July. He must remove 17 cars (or the equivalent in parts) in July.

**Clay Herbert motioned to authorize Thorne Palmer to sign the letter mandating removal of 12 cars + shortfall of 5 cars in July, and to send the letter to the Select Board and Brian Dupree. Scott Randall seconded the motion. All in favor.**

**Clay Herbert moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00. Scott Randall seconded the motion. All in favor.**

Documents reviewed in meeting:

- 180 8A car removal receipts
- Agenda July 11, 2024
- Minutes of June 13, 2024
- Rheinheimer NOI package
- Emailed letter dated July 10, 2024, re:responses to DEP questions by Guntlow
- Letter dated July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 from SelectBoard to Conservation Commission re: 8A compliance with Enforcement order.