

Charlemont Planning Board

September 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Robert Malone, Acting Chair, Michael Kane, Carlene Hayden, Gisela Walker

Members Absent:

Guests: Pat Smith, FRCOG

Call to Order

Robert Malone called the meeting to order at 7.04 pm

Item # 1 – 7.10 pm

RM moved and GW 2nd to approve the minutes with corrections as marked; all yes

Item # 2 – 7.15 pm

Extensive discussion with Pat Smith, Sr. Land use Planner with the FRCOG and consulting with the Board on planned re zoning amendments. The Board reviewed her draft and suggested several changes which will be incorporated into the next draft by Ms. Smith and reviewed on October 1st. The Board also discussed possible timing for rolling out the amendments.

Item # 3 – 8.15 pm

The Board reviewed past language used in Special Permits to condition the screening of dumpsters and is interested in using consistent language in the future.

Item # 4 – 8.25 pm

It was brought to the Board's attention that someone had conducted fairly extensive sand and gravel excavation behind the fairgrounds without any knowledge of the Board re gravel permits. According to assessors' records the land belongs to the Charlemont Land Company, no one on the Board knows who is behind that entity. The Board decided to research under whose authority this has been going on.

Item # 5 – 8.35 pm

Given the recent resignation of the Board's Chair, Dan Girard, the Board voted to elect Robert Malone, Vice Chair, as Chair of the Board until next Board election cycle after town meeting in 2016. GW moved, MK 2nd, all in favor

Item # 6 – 8.45 pm

The Board also voted to appoint Gisela Walker as Board representative to the Earth Removal Committee to replace Mr. Girard. CH moved, RM 2nd, all in favor

RM moved to close the meeting, GW 2nd, all in favor to meet next on October 1st.

Correspondence/Documents Reviewed in this meeting:

- 1. Draft zoning amendments**
- 2. Previous dumpster screening language**