

Charlemont Conservation Committee
January 8th, 2026, 7:00 PM
Via conference call and in person, Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

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

Others Participating: Star Atkeson (secretary)

Thorne Palmer opened the meeting at 7:02 PM

Action items:

1. Review / Approve Minutes from December 11, 2025

Bill Harker motioned to approve the minutes as written. Scott Randall seconded the motion. All in favor.

2. 180 8A, situation on other side of the road

There are cars parked near the brook across from the garage. The Board isn't sure how close they are to the brook, but could be less than 200 feet. Bill talked about whose jurisdiction it is. The Planning Board and the Select Board deal with cars. The ConComm only deals with proximity to water. Thorne said that Brian could be done with the ConComm requirements except for the bus.

3. East Oxbow bridge visit

Bill visited the work site and said it looked fine. He talked to them, he could see there was protection around trees and between the brook and the road. There is fencing right next to the work area. It looked good.

4. Annual Budget Request

The Board discussed what the budget is used for and how excess budget at the end of the year gets folded back into the General Fund, there is no need to spend it. **Scott Randall made a motion to level fund the ConComm budget. Bill Harker seconded the motion. All in favor.**

Discussion items:

1. Zoar Road mobile home park, concern about cars near wetlands.

Bill went and had a look. The water goes into the pit, which is at the water table, a small amount comes through. He doesn't think the ConCOmm should get involved. The Neighbor is concerned that the drainage goes to his property, around the woods and to the river.

2. Cutting Plan Maxwell Road

The Board did not see any water on the map cutting plan. The State has already approved it. It looks good.

Bill Harker made a motion to close the meeting at 7:25 p.m.. Clay Herbert seconded the motion. All in favor.

Documents reviewed in meeting:

- Agenda of January 8, 2026
- Minutes of December 11, 2025
- Budget request info from assessor
- Deb Katz's cutting plan for Maxwell Road