

Charlemont Conservation Committee
April 10th, 2025, 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) On phone: Betsy Behl, Liam Creegan

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

7:00 Liam Creegan, Betsy Behl and Steven Amter to discuss a conservation restriction for
Charlemont portion of property, 31 acres near 267 South Road, Heath. Clay Herbert read the letter that Betsy and Steven would like to have signed to apply to put 31 acres of land into conservation restriction. The Board discussed the letter and where the land was located. **Clay Herbert made a motion to sign the document protecting this land. Bill Harker seconded the motion. All in favor. The letter was signed.

Action items:

1. Review / Approve Minutes from February 13th, 2025, and March 13th, 2025

Bill Harker made a motion to accept the Minutes as read. Clay Herbert seconded the motion. All in favor.

2. 180 8A update

Thorne let the Board know that he had talked to Brian and that he would be back to full efficiency next month. Mud, vacation, loss of labor and trees down, had slowed his progress in March and early April. There was a good amount of discussion about how to proceed. Thorne said that Dupree was still working with them, his license is tied to the compliance of the enforcement order. A member feared he was slowing down too much. Thorne suggested looking at the May letter. If it is lower than normal they can address it and ask him to take out extra cars. The Board spoke about the possibility of imposing fines and/or talking to Mark Stinson to find out what the laws are. They spoke about companies that come in and take all the cars. Thorne will call Brian and remind him of the July 1st deadline. They spoke about what would happen if he didn't meet the deadline. The Board spoke about other garages with many cars in Charlemont: Matt's and Sparda.

3. Pan Am Railways Yearly Operational Plan notification

Bill let the Board know that they send a notification re: vegetation management every year. There is a spray train that sprays herbicide on the tracks. You can ride the train if you want to, they show you where they stop at the culverts and underpasses.

Andrea Santos motioned to close the meeting at 7:38. Bill Harker seconded the motion. All in favor

Documents reviewed in meeting:

- Agenda of April 10, 2025

- Minutes of March 13, 2025, and February 13, 2025
- Signed Conservation restriction Form dated 4/10/2025 for Betsy Behl, Steven Amter's land for Franklin Land Trust to apply for Conservation restriction.