

**MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF CHARLEMONT
October 3, 2012**

Members Present:

Alan Booth, Ruth Cannavo
Neal Lear, Tim Eichholz,
Doug Forbes, Tom Cashin,
Larry Mann

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Earl Bowen,
Emily Stockman,
Cornell Robinson,
Mike Turgeon
Mike Nolan

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM

Board Action:

Discussion of RDA submitted by Casper Martin. Emily Stockman gave a presentation describing the project on Todd Mountain Road showing wetland boundaries and how they will be bypassed by a new road, leaving a 6' buffer zone. Redirected drainage will be an improvement over runoff from the existing road. Conditions will allow for temporary storage of materials on site. Tim Eichholz made a motion to make a negative determination on the condition that appropriate precautions be taken when working in the buffer zone. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mike Turgeon from Jacobs Consulting and Cornell Robinson from the Massachusetts Technological Collaborative, appeared on behalf of the Massachusetts Broadband Institute and described the installation of fiber optic cable along existing telephone poles along Route 2, including a section crossing the Deerfield River from Tower Road to Tea Street Extension that would involve the use of ladders and workers on foot in the floodplain. Doug Forbes made a motion to make a negative determination on the RDA submitted. The motion was unanimously approved.

Correspondence and mail were reviewed.

Business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

D.J. Forbes