

**MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
TOWN OF CHARLEMONT  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**January 6, 2016**

**Members Present**

Douglas Johnson  
Douglas Forbes  
Douglas Telling  
Kathy Reynolds

**Members Absent**

Amy Chattin  
Michael Walsh  
Bill Harker

**Others Present**

Mark Stinson, DEP  
Paul Fantucchio  
Jon Schaeffer  
Melissa Coady  
(Tighe & Bond)

**The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.**

1. Minutes of the December 2015 meeting were reviewed, approved and signed.
2. The order of conditions for the Berkshire East fire pond was located and will be recorded. No action by the commission was necessary.
3. Kathy Reynolds made a motion that the Commission pay for a second newspaper announcement for work at 559 Tea St. because the original RDA hearing was not continued to a specific time and date.

**Discussion items:**

4. Jon Schaeffer of Berkshire East and Melissa Coady of Tighe & Bond attended the meeting in order to discuss an RDA for a timber harvest to clear new ski trails. They presented maps created by Tighe & Bond delineating wetlands, bordering wetland vegetation (BVW), seeps and streams. Logging roads will cross intermittent streams and necessary precautions will be taken to protect these resources. Because work will be conducted in BVW, but not the resource areas, a negative 3 determination was necessary. Johnson made a motion to make such a determination, which was unanimously approved. The hearing closed at 7:20.
5. Paul Fantucchio attended the meeting in order to discuss an RDA for work at Mohawk Park. This would involve a drain pipe 40' x 20" to be installed under an access road on his property in order to prevent flooding of road. The road will be graded and the pipe installed with gravel surrounding the ends. Johnson made a motion to make a negative determination #3. This was unanimously approved. Work will be contingent upon the use of proper erosion controls and positioning of said pipe no closer than 5 feet to hale bales. Bare soil will be seeded with grass as soon as possible in the spring. The hearing ended at 7:50.

6. Pam Hazlett of Legate Hill Rd. has requested information on how to deal with problem beavers appropriately. Mark Stinson mentioned that the Board of Health must issue a permit to trap beavers. The Conservation Commission must issue any permits associated with work in resource areas. Under Massachusetts general law homeowners have the right to kill nuisance animals.

**Business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,