

Charlemont Conservation Commission Minutes

June 2, 2021

Charlemont Fairgrounds

Members Present: Bill Harker, Justin Maynard, Thorne Palmer

Guests: Jim Scalise, Jon Schaefer

Call to Order:

Conservation Commission member Bill called meeting to order at 6:30, Justin seconded the motion.

Bill motions to accept Tom Cashin resignation as chair, Justin seconds. All in favor

Bill motions to accept the minutes from March 3, 2021, Justin seconds the motion.

Bill motions to accept the minutes from April 7, 2021, Justin seconds the motion.

Bill motions to accept the minutes from May 5, 2021, Justin seconds the motion.

Agenda items:

ConCom has held off on the election of a new Chair at this time. ConCom meetings will be moved from Wednesdays to Tuesdays. Moved from the 6:30pm time frame to the new time of 6:00pm.

National grid mitigation plantings have requested a delay in the planting of required trees for their project. These trees are anticipated to be planted by June 4 by Katy Wilkins from Tighe Bond. Thorn motioned to accept the request for a delayed planting, Justin seconds this motion.

Justin spoke with Keith representing Pan Am railroad. Keith has marked the locations of wetlands adjacent to the railroad. This will prevent the use of herbicide treatments in sensitive environments. These have been marked and verified by Justin who has received photos of this claimed activity. Justin approves moving forward with this environmental treatment, Thorn seconds the motion.

Bill Harker has performed all up to date inspection requests for underground installation of broadband internet.

Jim Scalise representing Berkshire east reviewed their NOI for the new chair lift at the ski resort. Riparian and wetland buffers were well outlined in the plans with revisions made based on Mark Stinson's comments that include relocating an access road for the project. This now complies with the interests of the environment. An erosion control plan including sloped drains will be installed to mitigate the effects of surface water runoff across the project. This project has agreed to enhance within the limit of work near the site entrance and repair/reinforce the existing retaining wall along south road. The boundaries of the Deerfield river and the lift itself will be staked out to establish boundaries. While a wildlife assessment could be requested given the nature and scope of the work, Justin motioned to approve the project without the inclusion of a wildlife assessment, bill second the motion. All members in favor.

Bill motioned to close the meeting. Justin second this motion.

The ConCom has requested after 24 months of issuance of the permit that they seek a certificate of compliance and the ConCom be notified to perform a site visit to inspect the work before the order of conditions. Concom also requests an erosion control monitor to perform weekly inspections with monthly reports as a special condition.

Bill motions to adjourn meeting and Justin seconds at 7:34pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Maynard