

Charlemont Conservation Committee
April 14, 2022 6:00 pm
Via conference call and in person, Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

Members Participating: Thorne Palmer, Justin Maynard, Bill Harker

Others Participating: Star Atkeson secretary, Erica Chenoweth, candidate to the Commission

Conservation Commission Chair Bill Harker called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

- Erika Chenoweth talked to the Commission and answered questions about her interest in joining the Conservation Commission. She is interested in Town Government in general and specifically in conservation and wetlands. She has the time, and wants to learn and be useful to the town.
- The Board members described their experiences and duties on the Commission to Erica.

Introduction to the new secretary to the Boards Star Atkeson

- The Commission met the new secretary

Approval of the minutes from 3/10/22

- The commission reviewed the meeting minutes from March 10th, 2022

Justin Maynard made a motion, seconded by Thorne Palmer to accept the minutes from 3/10/22. All were in favor.

Thorne Palmer made a motion, seconded by Bill Harker to recommend to the Select Board the appointment of Erica Chenoweth to the Commission. All were in favor.

- The new Circuit Rider from Mass DEP, (Mark Stinson's replacement) Tom Gruszkos was noted by the Commission.
- Justin Maynard explained his fence building plan to the rest of the Commission with a draft RDA. The plan was heard and found by Bill Harker to not require an RDA. You can build in a resource area as long as there is no water restriction, and the fence is not 6' high.
- Bill explained the Colrain Road sign offs for the broadband poles. Although they were not on a wetland or resource area, Broadband wanted to be sure they were ok with having these 2 poles there. Bill moved the poles back a foot or two off the road. No sign off was necessary.
- Bill explained the discussion item "Fix wall & pipe for Route 8A/ West Hawley Culvert." to the rest of the Commission. It is a repair to an existing culvert pipe and wall. The wall is crumbling so it is an emergency. Mark Stinson was called. Mark Stinson offered to start the emergency paperwork for

the repair. Bill will talk to the Select Board to declare the emergency, and will talk to Dan Girard who is liason to the Highway Department.

Thorne palmer made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Justin Maynard, All were in favor.

The next meeting will be held May 12th, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Star Atkeson 4/15/2022

Documents reviewed in meeting:

Correspondence email from The DEP about the new contact.