

Charlemont Conservation Committee
November 10, 2022 6:00 pm
Via conference call and in person, Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

Members Participating: Bill Harker, Thorne Palmer, Erica Chenoweth,
Others Participating: Mark Stinson, Star Atkeson, secretary

Conservation Commission Chair Bill Harker called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Review/approve minutes from 10/13/2022
 - The minutes were reviewed and signed.
 - Erica made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Thorne, all in favor.
2. Completed Berkshire East RDA to sign
 - Completed Berkshire East RDA was signed.
3. Trout Unlimited Amended Order of Conditions to re-sign digitally
 - As the hard copy was signed last meeting, Star completed the digital entry form before the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Follow up 8A Emergency Certification to review, talk to Mark Stinson
 - Mark pointed out Bill Had signed the WPA Emergency Certification Form with site visit date of Oct 18, 2022; Start date Oct 19 2022; End date November 19, 2022 and that regulations require that it is voted on and ratified.
 - The work to be allowed was culvert repair on 8A
 - Bill reported that they did a beautiful job
 - **Thorne Palmer made a motion seconded by Erica Chenoweth to ratify the Emergency Certification. All in favor.**
 - Bill mentioned that Mark should be paid for his service and that there is money available for that.
 - **Thorne Palmer made a motion seconded by Erica Chenoweth to pay Mark Stinson. All in favor.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from MACC recognizing Justin Maynard
 - Thorne Palmer read a letter recognizing Justin's accomplishing of 8 training courses on Conservation Commission topics offered by the organization Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions.
 - **Bill Harker made a motion that the Board recognizes the letter and appreciates it, seconded by Erika, All in Favor.**

- Bill asked Star to ask Lynn (treasurer) what money is available in the Wetlands Protection fund for future reference in order to reimburse others for courses.
- The Board review Justin's other accomplishments towards the writing of their own letter recognizing Justin: Justin had taken minutes, has been consistent and has served on the Conservation Commission since 2019; also his interest and field of study at University is to do with Wetlands Protection. Erica will draft the letter.

OTHER DISCUSSION:

1. Hick's Farm Stand

- Revisiting the issue of the unpermitted shed at the Hick's Family Farm.
- Thorne asked for Hick's contact in order to give him a call about moving the shed as promised for the first week of November.
- Star will give Thorne the number.

2. 8A North Bill Harker brought up that he did an inspection at 8A North. They used a silt fence, did a beautiful job and put everything away for the winter, they will come back in the spring and do a month's work, including grading and seeding the fairgrounds.

3. Whip City Fiber Sign Offs Erica said she had done an inspection with Barbara for Whip City Fiber on Rowe Road, asked if the hard copy request is there to sign. Star will have that as well as other requests for them to sign at next meeting on December 8th.

1. Cutting Plan Review

- Thorne reviewed and shared the Forest Cutting Plan for South Heath Road, Date Rec'd 8/15/2022

Thorne Palmer motioned to adjourn at 6:42, seconded by Bill Harker. All in favor.

The next meeting will be held on December 8th, 2022 at Hawlemont Elementary School
Minutes respectfully submitted by Star Atkeson 12/02/2022

Documents reviewed in meeting:

Agenda of 11/10/2022 Meeting

Minutes of 10/13/2022 Meeting

Completed Berkshire East RDA

Emergency Certification Form for Culvert repair on 8A

Letter from MACC recognizing Justin Maynard course completion dated Oct 25,2022