

Charlemont Conservation Committee
October 10th, 2024, 7:00 PM
Via conference call and in person, Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

Members Participating: Thorne Palmer, Scott Randall, Bill Harker, Andrea Santos, Clay Herbert

Others Participating: Star Atkeson (secretary)

Thorne Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Action items:

1. Review / Approve Minutes from September 12, 2024

Bill Harker motioned to accept the Minutes of September 12th as written. Scott Randall seconded the motion. All in favor.

2. 180 8A car removal receipt review

Dupree sent in receipts for 13 cars this month.

Bill Harker motioned to accept the receipts received October 10th as read. Clay Herbert seconded the motion. All in favor.

Thorne said that B. Dupree had asked about getting some leeway during the winter months as he feels he won't be able to keep up with the removal of 12 cars in inclement weather. The Board discussed and decided to keep Dupree to the original agreement. If he is having a hard time keeping up because of the weather, he should come to them to discuss. The Board will deal with it on a case-by-case basis.

Scott Randall made a motion to have Thorne call and talk to him and tell him it will be a case-by-case discussion. Clay Herbert seconded the motion. All in favor.

They discussed going to visit the site. The secretary suggested visiting with the Planning Board in conjunction with the amendment to the Sale of used Cars Special Permit that is happening soon.

Discussion items:

1. Mohawk Park emergency road issue

The Board discussed that the Conservation Commission has more authority than the DEP regarding ending the annual filling-the-washed-out-road situation at Mohawk Park. Clay has noticed that the upside of the river after Mohawk Park doesn't look normal and

is really getting built up. When the river gets filled in it will flood worse somewhere else. The water is not staying in the river.

They will find the relevant reference in the WPA law.

Bill Harker made a motion that the Board write a letter to Paul Fantuccio and to reference 310 CMR.10 and run it by Mark Stinson. Clay Herbert seconded the motion. All in Favor.

2. 25 Burrington Rd Tree Clearing update

Some members of the ConComm went to inspect the tree clearing and said that it looked good. They'd like to close the issue. **Bill Harker made a motion, after conducting a site visit, the Board is comfortable with the way the tree clearing is going. Clay Herbert seconded the motion. All in Favor.**

3. Warfield Rd water run off correspondence update

Thorne let the Board know that Meg Veith-Heib wasn't happy with the Board's letter and would like them to reopen the case. A formal request hasn't been made.

4. MACC orientation

Andrea took the online orientation but could use help finding the courses offered by MACC. The orientation took about 2 hours to complete.

** Unforeseen within the last 48 hours: Trout Unlimited would like to put a park bench in. (Where?) They will use corkscrew anchors and attach it to that. It's 20 feet above the stream. **Bill Harker made a motion to allow it to be put in. Scott Randall seconded the motion. All in favor.**

Scott Randall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Andrea Santos seconded the motion. All in favor.

The next meeting will be held on November 14, 2024.

Documents reviewed in meeting:

- 180 8A car removal receipts turned into Conservation Commission on 10/10/2024
- Agenda of October 10, 2024
- Minutes of September 12th, 2024