

**MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF CHARLEMONT
January 16, 2008**

Members Present:

Ruth Cannavo, Chair
Doug Forbes
Bob Handsaker
Neal Lear
Toby Gould
Alan Booth

Members Absent:

Tim Eichholz

Others Present:

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Other power company fellow

The meeting convened at 7:05 p.m.

Board Action:

RDA for Irene Tetrault – It was moved, seconded and passed to give a negative determination for the replacement of a collapsed culvert based on Paragraph 2 of the state regulations. During construction, a silt construction fence will be maintained. There will be minimal destruction of landscape. A silt screen will be installed at the inflow of the culvert. The construction area will be reseeded.

NOI Hearing for Brookfield Power Company -- It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the construction of stone steps with gravel fill at the Zoar Picnic Area for launching of watercraft. The following conditions were made: 1) boulders will be placed at former path, 2) signage will direct users to new steps, 3) the cemetery will be protected during construction.

RDA hearing for Tom Bohlke -- It was moved, seconded and passed to give a negative determination for the replacement of a septic system at 200 Legate Hill Road based on Paragraph 4 for the state regulations.

Update on ongoing matters: The Beausoleil – Regan right of way issue, the Berkshire East tree cutting and the Reynolds farm culvert are all in the hands of the Department of Environmental Protection. A report on these should be forthcoming at our next meeting. No determination has been made on the tree cutting at Doug Dean's.

It was moved, seconded and passed to send Neal Lear and Toby Gould to the MCAA Conference in Worcester on March 1 and to pay their registration costs from Conservation Commission funds.

Business having been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Toby Gould