



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

November 14, 2007 8 pm to 12 am

Attendees: Bob Larochelle, Liz Fletcher, Anna Faiello, Ann Moser, Charles Lanni, Paula Babel (first meeting!).

Mark Archambeault (NRWA) presented the latest rendition of the proposed Wetland Conservation District Ordinance. We are tentatively on Dec 12th PB agenda. The plan is to have a public hearing to present it in January 2008 for inclusion as a ballot item in March. Basically a 50' buffer is to be held from the edge of wetlands. Liz asked if forest harvesting would be affected by the new ordinance. Mark said current best management practices in regard to forestry would still apply (E-1). Anna asked about livestock grazing and raising which is not mentioned. Mark will look into this. JoAnne Carr may have some input on this.

CC observed photos of alternative Bronson Potter headstone. 2 alternatives were presented. The \$2000 choice was a grey stone with mechanical etching of Name, dates and trestle done by Richard Medlyn. The other was a polished black stone with ornate custom etching done by an artist for \$2800. **The CC voted unanimously to purchase the \$2800 stone.**

Dennis Graham attended to discuss the property rental agreement (lot G-2). Anna read the home inspection report. The furnace has old age issues; chimney in disrepair, oil tank is underground and an environmental hazard. Septic system is failing. Septic tank leaks. We anticipate a large expenditure for repairs (\$30-50K). Anna was adamant that a future conservation center was important to consider and Dennis concurred. Since CC doesn't have a large amount of money, we agreed that Dennis will schedule the septic tank pumping and inspection for leaks. Dennis was not concerned with oil tank leakage since it's in the driest part of the lot. We recommended Dennis run the oil tank dry for springtime inspection/removal. Charlie thought the tank could be removed for \$1000. Liz gave Dennis a draft lease to read over. His maintenance issues list is attached in notebook. The taxes may be up to \$3000 per year or \$250 per month per Dick Rockwood. Dennis is currently paying \$400. Dennis email address is evos@worldpath.net. He is on the agenda for next month at 8:30. Liz will send our draft to Si for recommendations. After Dennis left we discussed rent cost. We discussed the rent could still be \$400 (not including the taxes) to be placed in the separate "A frame" account.

Garth Fletcher presented his warrant article for conversion of class 6 to class 5 recommendations. Garth's point is that a person could appeal to the selectmen to convert difficult terrain to class 5 and therefore dramatically increase our costs which are already 77% higher than other towns our size. Garth will visit the pb as well.

We discussed Whitaker house. We will be having an open house on Sat. Nov 17th from 11-2. We read a very good sample p&s from Si as well as description pics by Liz. We agreed to ask \$300k. Also pondered real estate ads. **Voted unanimously to put ads in Boston Globe, Monadnock Ledger, Old Houses.com, Union Leader for \$400.**

Charlie will take care of pumping out oil from drum at Bronson's and will put Esau Stanley water test results in Selectmen's box.

Voted unanimously to pay \$250 bill from Home Smart Inspection for G-2 A-frame. Florence Roberts forest will be field inspected by scouts for future trail construction. Moheban scheduled for next meeting at 8. Mary Millbury replied to Liz inquiry about trailer near D'Arbeloff land. It contains her personal belongings.

Dennis DiPaolo sent us a letter asking to meet with us to discuss the clearing of Bronson land at top of hill. Liz will call to invite them to the Dec. meeting.

Received donations from the following for the Florence Roberts Forest Fund from James Lewis Betz Jr. \$100 (PA), Merry Lu Gilvar \$100 (Bedford NH), Charlotte Hastings \$100.