



## **Mason Conservation Commission Minutes**

December 12, 2007 7 pm to 10:35 pm

Attendees: Bob Larochelle, Liz Fletcher, Anna Faiello, Ann Moser, Charles Lanni, Paula Babel, Bob Dillberger, Stuart Sherman.

Amended Nov. minutes per comments from Ann & Liz (see revised copy with today's date).

Discussed Ted Stuart abutter land logging. Bob L will check the south westerly corner of property.

Discussed RR bridge. Sign on sth end is gone. Liz sent email to Dave Cook asking to replace. Bob L will measure span between existing granite slab and call Dennis LaBombard for opinion about the span and fitting in between the existing granite rip rap. Ann needs bridge specs and estimate from Eric and LaBombard cost to apply for trails grant.

A MBNA letter informed CC that \$10 k was placed in our account. Will ask Barbara about this and \$7078 deduction at budget meeting. Also will ask Chris G. if the forestry comm. should be paying half of \$3k for RR repairs after spring storm. General consensus is we should ask for \$4 k for 08 budget since we are now covering all RR costs.

Charlie and others will gather signatures for Class 6 road conversion petition from Garth F. Ann thinks all calls for upgrade to class 5 should be required to go before the PB so the road is built properly.

Steve Moheban attended to discuss the state of affairs regarding Whitaker house. He is an expert on dealing with oil tanks. He says must remove tank (at our cost) then test the well but State will pay for everything but a \$100 for cleanup if required. Charlie says Fred Greenwood did his 2000 gal tank removal for \$1000. Charlie will call Fred about this. Steve will hang in there for 4 more months (until after town meeting) before he starts entertaining other buyers. He thinks that selling the house controls everything. He was more encouraged after he saw the pictures. We considered having Carol Bennett sell the house for us. Liz will call her.

Dennis DiPaolo attended to discuss cutting of trees on Bronson's property at top of the hill. It's too rocky to consider haying so the trees grow back very quickly. Dennis has hired different cutters (like Wally or Bill D.) to top the trees in the area every 2 years with Bronson's ok after giving cherry pies and beer! He wants to continue this and pay for it with our written permission. If he pays the liability is his if there is an insurance claim and he is highly insured. He will write something up and send it to us.

Dennis Graham attended to discuss the lease. Liz called Si but the lease still has not been reviewed. Tax estimate has not been given to us but we have a bill! We agreed that the septic should probably be repaired "in place" rather than a new design. Dave Farwell gave him an estimate of \$5k to \$6k to fix the septic and remove the tank. We agree both should be done in the spring. Bob L will bug Jeremy Glines and Liz will bug Si to get final numbers before we make final decision about rent. Dennis will come back next month at 8 pm to discuss again. He changed the advanced notice of vacation of lease to 6 months rather than 3 months. His address is P.O. box 496 Greenville 03048.

Discussed new wetland buffer ordinance. Liz made revisions including wiping out sec 4 (page 2 & 3) per comments from Dotsie. We voted unanimously to accept draft 3.0. Liz will clean up and pass on the PB and request 2 public hearings before being placed on the ballot.

We reviewed Ruggerio site plan. Liz has made the comments including request for roof over oil tank and oil separators where cars will be parked and vegetative buffer. We could not agree about the lack of septic system and well but Charlie said it was a good thing that there was none which minimized danger of ground pollution. PB hearing was delayed until Jan. ZBA has requested our presence on Dec. 17th. Liz and Charlie will attend.

Voted unanimously to pay \$195 to Kent Clean Septic LLC for Dennis Graham septic system inspection.

Voted unanimously to pay \$104.76 to reimburse Liz Fletcher for Union Leader ad for Whitaker house.

Voted unanimously to pay \$149 to reimburse Liz Fletcher for Boston Globe ad for Whitaker house.

Voted unanimously to pay \$80 to reimburse Liz Fletcher for OldHouses.com ad for Whitaker house.

\$333.76 total owed to Liz.

Voted unanimously to pay \$37.40 for Ledger Transcript ad for Whitaker house.

PB has approved the acceptance of the Esau Stanley Land! Liz will call him to share the news. We will discuss the alternatives for making a sign next month.

Meeting to be next Jan. 9th at 7:30.