



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

April 9, 2008 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

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

Voted unanimously to accept March minutes.

Discussed available "Brown Fields" money (or other state money) from SWRPC to help with oil tank removal at Whitaker house and A-frame. Must follow NH DES guidelines ("Guidelines for Underground Storage Tank Closure, Sampling, and Reporting"), though, which involves complicated site assessment and imposes strict procedural requirements. Proceeding with our original plan (private contractor) seems sufficient, and much easier and faster. Following discussion, Bob D. moved that we continue with our original plan to hire Ed Gaudet to remove both tanks. Liz seconded. Passed unanimously. For reference, we have an estimate of \$1,800 from Mr. Gaudet to remove one tank and will need a revised estimate to cover both tanks.

Chief Hutchins spoke with us about the K-9 Trust Fund (tentative total goal of \$8,000-10,000) and a proposed K-9 obstacle training course to be set up at a TBD location on the Potter land. Will discuss this latter option with Si Little; it might not be allowed by the will. The Commission's involvement in both can be justified, though, because the dog is trained in search & rescue, and will be used for these purposes and for law enforcement activities if needed on conservation land. Liz moved we contribute \$500 to the K-9 Trust Fund. Bob L. seconded. Passed by a vote of 6 for to 1 against.

Hazardous waste at former Potter homestead was brought to the Wilton Recycle Center for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Thanks, Bob & Bob.

First rent check from Dennis Graham for A-frame has been received. Barbara M. will set up fund to hold this and future rent payments.

Discussed having a table at Old Home Day (Sept. 13) to promote conservation awareness. Bob L. will work on a map display showing town conservation land. Bob D. will work on coming up with ways to gather public opinion about conservation directions and preferences.

On the subject of the Fifield easement, making slow progress. Deadline is approaching.

Klinger's offer on Whitaker house has been withdrawn; the Klingers decided it was too big a project. Now looking for realtor to market the property. Agreed to contact Carol Ann Bennett of Prudential Realty in Milford (previously offered to take the job for a 4.5% commission).

Potter headstone is underway.

Decided to reschedule walk with Dave Morrison for Sat., May 10 at 10 AM. Will combine with inventory of remaining junk at Potter homestead.

Regarding haying on Greenville Rd. property, Bob L. will calculate acreage and talk with Dave Baker about possible hay lease, using \$35/acre (from UNH CES) as a working number.

Received check for \$50 from Florence Roberts' cousin in MN. For deposit in the Stewardship Fund earmarked for the Florence Roberts Forest. Current fund total is now \$400.

No bills to pay this month.