



## **Mason Conservation Commission Minutes**

January 14, 2009 7:00 pm to 9:50 pm

Attendees: Bob Larochelle, Liz Fletcher, Paula Babel, Bob Dillberger, Cynthia Hajjar

Voted unanimously to accept Dec. '08 minutes.

Reviewed maps (see attachment) of proposed lease on G-83 to Eric Anderson for grazing. Land seems a bit steep, and area a bit large, for this use. Further discussion required.

Reviewed a letter from Silas Little regarding the aforementioned lease (see attachment). Si stipulates several conditions and steps that raise questions regarding the practicality of pursuing this action.

Discussed using leftovers from Trails Bureau grant to clear ice-downed trees from rail trail. Bureau says OK as long as we make a plan and adjust grant. Will survey work required, but snowmobile club might take care of it for us. Target date for survey completion is next month's meeting.

Survey assignments:

Bob L: Wilton line to Sandpit  
Paula: Sandpit to Scripps  
Bob D: Scripps to Jackson  
Liz: Jackson to Townsend line

Barbara DeVore brought a letter from the Mason school principal thanking us for participating in the Eyes on Owls presentation. Raised \$85 for the school through book sales.

Barbara presented an idea for a public information program about the Asian longhorn beetle and other invasive insects to be presented in Mason. As with the Owls program, Barbara will handle all logistics.

Discussed next steps for groundwater reclassification program. Liz reviewed current status: notification letter being reviewed by Health Officer, Building Inspector, Fire Chief. Will meet with Selectmen about DES application at their January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Bob D. will download wording for warrant article regarding donations to private conservation groups and forward to Barbara M. for addition to '09 warrant.

**Voted to pay G.W. Shaw \$304.80 for dumpster to finish clean-up at Potter homestead.**

Received rent check for \$1,200 from Dennis for A-frame.