



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

March 18, 2009
7:00 pm to 10:15 pm

In Attendance

- Bob Larochelle
- Liz Fletcher
- Bob Dillberger
- Stuart Sherman
- Ann Moser
- Anna Faiello

Voted unanimously to accept February minutes.

Reviewed pictures brought by Dave Baker about the maple carcasses removed along Greenville Rd. near Dave's house. Discussed replanting with elms, maples, oaks. Sugar maple seems the preferred species.

Discussed with Dave Baker the revised hay lease agreement for Greenville Rd. property.

Met with Dottie Minior and Jean Larssen regarding brush cutting on property on Greenville Rd. (Parcel C24) to maintain their view. They provided an insurance certificate for the persons who will do the cutting (Brad McFetridge Tree Service). Liz moved to allow the cutting. Bob D. seconded. Passed unanimously.

Discussed "beaver deceiver" on Marshall Pond (on Briggs Rd. at Townsend Rd.). Received a proposal from Tom Mitchell who's looking for feedback from the Commission. Liz checked with the Wetlands Bureau regarding the plan and was told that if applicants wait until fall, they might not even need a permit to do the work (doing it now will require a permit from DES). Liz will convey this message to Tom.

Reviewed progress on groundwater reclassification project. Marc Archambault will accompany us when we meet with Selectmen Tues. 3/24 to get their approval to file application with the state. Still awaiting feedback from Ken Wilson and Dave Cook regarding contact letter. Will arrange inspection training with Pierce Rigrod (DES) for some time in early April.

Next talk in the Florence Roberts Memorial series will be about invasive plants. Barbara DeVore will set it up for April 16.

Ann Moser gave an update on the signs for our conservation lands. Playing phone tag with the manufacturer.

Regarding Esau Stanley land, Ann's playing phone tag with him too.

Time to make some final decisions about the Potter homestead. Keep the structure or sell it? Block the driveway or provide parking? Final trash clean up? Bob D. and Stu will take a quick look this weekend and report to the group.

Need to schedule a boundary walk and site inspection of the Mitchell Hill property. We have an ongoing problem with the "shooting range" there. Perhaps early in May is a good time for a walk.

Liz got a copy of the Natural Resources Inventory from SWRPC to use as a reference. Will submit bill for reimbursement next month if she can find it.

No bills to pay this month.

Regarding possible dumping on Mims property, must file formal complaint with DES to get them involved. DES suggests waiting until snow melts given that the contamination is not new (probably been there for years).