



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

Sept. 9, 2009
8:00 pm to 10:00 pm

In Attendance

- Paula Babel
- Barbara DeVore
- Bob Dillberger
- Anna Faello
- Liz Fletcher
- Cynthia Hajjar
- Bob Larochelle

Voted unanimously to accept August minutes.

Barbara presented her list of prospective presenters: Marlene Friedrich (NH Audubon), John Sargent, Dragon Fly man, Salamander man. The commission voted unanimously to pay an amount not to exceed \$425 for a NH Wildlife presentation on Friday Oct. 16th by Marlene Friedrich (NH Audubon) to kick off our Natural Resources inventory.

Dan McGuire & Robert Guiry showed up to discuss their Eagle Scout projects. Dan's project is to build a kiosk and produce maps for the Florence Roberts Forest. Discussed whether to locate the kiosk at the upper or lower entrance. Overall the lower entrance seems better because of greater visibility and more parking. Dan also proposed adding some self-guiding nature trail features based on input from Keith Badger (sp?), local naturalist. Bob L. signed off on the project for Dan.

Robert's project is to install benches at several locations on town land, with benches commemorated to prominent Mason residents (or those who donate money for the bench). Suggested sites: Florence Roberts Forest Trail, overlook on Greenville Rd., Bronson Potter homestead (after house is removed), cons. land from Esau Stanley, near the statue of Bode at town center. Bob L. signed off on this one too.

Voted to pay bill for supplies for "No Trespassing" signs and locks for the Potter homestead in **the amount of \$25.24**. Passed unanimously.

Bob L. mentioned that we now have Japanese Knotweed at the Potter homestead and near the Black Brook RR trail bridge as a result of using road dirt for fill. It's also growing around the new RR trail bridge. Worth taking control measures?

Discussed applying for an LCHIP grant to acquire more land from Drs. Lippin & Ellis. We agreed to pursue this course when accepting their land gift earlier this year. It seems we can use the purchase price of the Moheban property as a match for this purpose.