



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

May 12, 2010
6:45 pm to 11:00 pm

In Attendance

- Anna Faello
- Liz Fletcher
- Bob Larochele
- Barbara Devore
- Bob Dillberger
- Cynthia Hajjar

Bob L., Anna and Liz met with Dave Baker at the scenic vista on Greenville road. He showed us the mess made across the road from DePalo. Bob L. will try to do some chainsaw cleanup in the next month or so. We also inspected the trails at the Bronson house site. Dave used his tractor to clear out the the trail just over the embankment which goes south. He also showed us the maples he is regrowing near his house.

After inspecting the Bronson house site we all agreed there was some merit in holding off on installing the memorial bench until we get another scout to reclaim the area with loam, plantings, and a gate.

Resumed our meeting with the rest of the crew at the Mann House about 7:45.

Voted unanimously to accept April minutes.

Talked with Lynn Draper and Spencer Brookes from Wilton regarding access to Wilton land via Mason land at Mitchell Hill Rd. (the Moheban land). An existing skidder trail in the Mason tract comes close to the Wilton tract. Discussed created a cross-town trail in the area. Agreed to **visit the site on Sun. June 20 at 10:30**. We also looked at their printed NRI maps which they brought along and got some great ideas for our own NRI.

Got a bill for \$1,131 for "Roadside mower blades and spacers" but it's unclear how much of this amount is truly the CC's responsibility. Liz will send an e-mail to Dave Cook asking for clarification.

Reminder: Dedication ceremony for benches and kiosk and Florence Robert's Forest is June 6 at 1 P.M.

Barbara will speak with Ann Moser about being the point-person for the dragonfly field trip. Barbara has a personal commitment that conflicts.

Gates are too expensive right now, but we'll look into a cable at the Potter homestead. Bob & Bob will look into this and take a look at cable gates in Beaver Brook.

Discussed an appropriate Eagle Scout project for Nick Calderan and agreed that site restoration and landscaping at the Potter homestead (see Oct. '09 minutes) is the most useful. Also agreed that installing the bench (Robert Guiry's project) should be postponed until after this work. We'll store the bench for now and install it later.

Another possible Eagle scout project suggested by Barbara: build a trail to connect the Cliff Hasting's Nature Trail to the Florence Robert's Forest via town center, especially one appropriate for school children.

Voted reimburse **Liz Fletcher for \$36.00** for the cost of attending the Drinking Water Source Protection Workshop.