



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

June 9, 2010
7:30 pm to 9:48 pm

In Attendance

- Liz Fletcher
- Bob Larochele
- Barbara Devore
- Bob Dillberger
- Ann Moser

Grovesteens, current owners of Ted Stewart's property, appeared to review Stewart Easement. Thankfully the Grovesteens have mowed field south of the house to prevent a pine forest from growing.

State requires yearly monitoring of some of the property cornerstones. Perhaps this year the eastern edge of the property should be monitored. Due to thick laurel, some may need to be cut; Grovesteens gave permission to do so.

Liz wondered about long range plans for property use as required by state easement. The Grovesteens are still concentrating on areas immediately around buildings.

Liz questioned whether they had viewed land map to see what might be good pasture. Best soils are just east of field on south side of the road. Soils survey map can be reviewed on-line. Bob Dillberger offered to make the Grovesteens a detailed soil map from GPS data available on line. Bill Downs' logging map was shared.

Liz reviewed many stipulations in the easement; Grovesteens have reviewed them and didn't have questions. They are operating as Blue Farms, LLC, selling eggs, pork, etc.

Barbara has requested bids for artisan well for A-frame on Old Ashby Road. Skillings Well Drilling 269 Proctor Hill Road Hollis, NH 03049-6427 (603) 465-3500 (Mike Pelletier) has submitted the only bid so far (\$8.50 per foot \$14.00 per foot for casing casing goes to bedrock, which usually isn't too far in Mason pump size depends on depth 1/2 horsepower + lines = \$1950. Barbara will continue her attempts to reach Caswell Pump 3 Colburn Rd, Temple, NH(603) 878-1672.

Voted to accepted May minutes unanimously.

We were all perplexed that \$3698.33 was withdrawn from Conservation fund on May 26th, along with \$118 from the Steward ship fund. Bob D will ask Barbara M. about it this week.

Bill from Dave Cook was a trade off for services (filling in trash piles at Bonson's house) not billed from May and June 09 and nothing to do with mower blades (see attached letter from Dave). **Voted unanimously to pay \$1,130.80 from general fund.**

Voted unanimously to pay the \$10518.13 bond payment for Moheban land from the land protection fund.

Lchip discussion with the Manns: they did not want public access to the land so we cannot pursue this avenue for an LCHIP match. Liz wants to investigate trying to buy lot E-37 Steven Marsden (10 ac.) which is worth \$34,700 along with Lipin lot with the \$285k match. The Commission agreed that Liz should try and pursue an LCHIP grant for Lipin-Ellis and Marsden.

Voted unanimously to keep Dennis Grahams rent at \$400 per month. He has been painting the house and maint. Ann will also follow up to remind Dennis to cut trees in front of the house, fix the deck and schedule Ken Wilson to inspect the furnace.

Two Bob's will do a mt bike ride to check if the sign posts remain at the intersections.

Liz will ask Dave Cook to put up the RR signs, clean up the fallen tree north of Depot Rd. and move the Moheban Rock if he has time.

Liz found ATV's on Cons land west of Prospect Hill Cemetery. We will put paper signs near the barway. Bob D. will make the signs and Bob L. will print, Garth can laminate them.

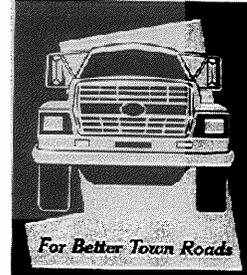
Residence at the intersection of Cascade road and Valley road has a Wolley Adelgid infestation. The State has responded. More details to follow from Barbara DeVore.

Asian longhorn beetle possibly spotted on Old Ashby Road. State contacted. Per Barbara DeVore the State forrester confirmed the bug was a NH pine beetle, which looks similar to asian longhorn.

We discussed having the NRI meeting on 3rd Wed. each month. Bob D. will check room availability with Barbara M.

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May 26, 2010

Mason Conservation Commission,

Please excuse my omission of an explanation of why you were getting a bill from Frost's Farm Service for mower teeth. I have included a break down of the time that was spent by the Mason Highway Department on Conservation Commission projects. The time for equipment is billed at F.E.M.A. rates, and the labor is the actual hourly rate for the operator. Rather than bill you and get a money transfer, I found a bill that was about the same amount and sent it to you to pay. Of course, I knew what I was trying to do, but I didn't spell it out for you. Again, my fault. If you would like to use another method in the future, please let me know.

Thank you,

David P. Cook
Road Agent

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.P. Cook".