



Mason Conservation Commission Minutes

Aug. 11, 2010
8:00 pm to 10:08 pm

In Attendance

- Liz Fletcher
- Bob Larochele
- Barbara Devore
- Bob Dillberger
- Anna Faiello

Voted unanimously to accept the July minutes.

Met with Rob Doyle regarding control of invasive plants. Selectmen favor herbicides for Jap. knotweed control. Autumn olive, purple loosestrife, and black swallowwort are also present. Rob suggested a moratorium on roadside cutting until we can develop a more comprehensive control plan. Bob D. suggested a three-prong attack to get started:

1. Follow Rob's suggestion and recommend to the Selectmen that roadside cutting be stopped for this year. Also stop the practice of using road scrapings as fill (Selectmen already said this will stop).
2. Talk with Doug Cygan to get recommendations for a mitigation plan. (Barbara DeVore will contact Doug).
3. Begin the process of inventorying invasives in Mason. Bob L. will prepare maps we can use for this purpose. Rob volunteered to help with this.

Barbara will also help educate the Mason road crew about knotweed so they'll know it when they see it. These steps would be followed eventually by a complete plan for eradication and ongoing control.

Liz reported on the previous night's meeting with the Selectmen who gave us approval to proceed with the LCHIP application contingent upon two changes to the latest plans: (1) add a 50' access (or as much as needed to include the logging road for access to the western side) to the potential conservation land on Abbott Hill Rd. (Mr. Aho had proposed a right-of-way) and (2) no agent fees will be paid by the town for the Lombardi plot (it's illegal).

Liz moved we **pay \$350 to Rockwood Appraisal Service** from the Land Protection Fund for an opinion of value on the Abbott Hill Rd. properties for the LCHIP application. Passed unanimously.

Looked at NHDOT wetlands disturbance plan which involves a culvert on what appears to be Bronson Potter land (G-83). The plans were very rough so difficult to pinpoint the location of the culvert which crosses route 123 (Merriam Hill Road).